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Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India gives a speech during a reception by the Indian community in honor of his visit to the United States at Madison Square Garden, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, in New York.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

In New York, Modi Says India Won't Look Back

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — India's new prime minister, once shunned by Washington, appeared before an enthusiastic crowd in a famed New York sports arena Sunday where he appealed for help from Indian-American

icans to help develop his country's economy, vowing that under his leadership, the South Asian nation wouldn't look back. A day after addressing a hushed U.N. General Assembly, where head-phone-wearing delegates

rarely break into a smile, Narendra Modi received a tumultuous welcome from upward of 18,000 people. He struck a chord by announcing plans to simplify the immigration bureaucracy for Indians living abroad, and called

on them to "join hands to serve our mother India." A dazzling, Bollywood-style show with dancers warmed up the crowd before Modi appeared. About 30 U.S. lawmakers attended — ringing the stage as the Indian leader came into the

auditorium under a spotlight like a boxing champion. The event had the feel of a political rally, and the audience periodically broke out into chants of "Modi! Modi!"

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Al-Qaida leader warns of revenge for airstrikes



In this photo released by the U.S. Air Force, a pair of U.S. F-15E Strike Eagle flies over northern Iraq, after conducting airstrikes in Syria. (AP Photo/U.S. Air Force, Matthew Bruch)

**DIAA HADID
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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The leader of al-Qaida's Syria affiliate vowed Sunday that his group would "use all possible means" to fight back against airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition and warned that the conflict would reach Western countries joining the alliance.

The U.S. views the affiliate, known as the Nusra Front, as a terrorist group, but Syrian rebels have long seen

it as a potent ally against both the Islamic State extremist group -- which is the main target of the coalition -- and Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces. Syrian rebels, activists and analysts have warned that targeting the Nusra Front will inject more chaos into the Syrian conflict and indirectly help Assad by striking one of his main adversaries. The U.S. insists it wants Assad to step down, but is not targeting his forces, which are best placed to benefit from

the airstrikes.

In a 25-minute audio recording, Nusra Front leader Abu Mohammed al-Golani portrayed the U.S.-led coalition as a "Crusader alliance" against Sunni Muslims and vowed to fight back. "We will use all that we have to defend the people of Syria...from the Crusader alliance," al-Golani said. "And we will use all possible means to achieve this end," he said, without offering more details.

He went on to warn Western countries against taking part in the alliance in words that echoed those of the late founder of al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden.

"This is what will cause the battle to be transported to the hearts of your own homes; because Muslims will not stand idly by and watch Muslims be bombed and killed in their countries, while you are safe on your countries. The price of war will not be paid by your leaders alone. You will pay

the biggest price," he said. The recording appeared genuine and corresponded with Associated Press reporting.

The United States and five Arab allies launched an air campaign against Islamic State fighters in Syria on Tuesday with the aim of ultimately crushing the extremist group, which has created a proto-state spanning the Syria-Iraq border. The U.S. has been carrying out airstrikes against the group in neighboring Iraq since August.

Some of the initial strikes targeted the Nusra Front, hitting several of its facilities and killing dozens of its fighters. Washington said it was trying to take out an al-Qaida cell known as the Khorasan Group that was actively plotting attacks against Americans and Western interests.

Syrian rebels have expressed anger at the coalition airstrikes, both because they have targeted the Nusra Front -- which they see as an ally -- and because they are not hitting pro-government forces, which are the best placed to benefit from any rolling back of the Islamic State group.

The Nusra Front's ultimate goal is to impose Islamic law in Syria. But unlike the Islamic State group, it has fought alongside other rebel groups, seeing the overthrow of Assad as its first priority.

Al-Golani warned the airstrikes would weaken the rebels.

"Those of our men who were targeted in the shelling... the effect of their loss will be witnessed by the entire conflict, not just on the (Nusra) Front alone."

The Nusra Front leader also warned other rebel groups not to coordinate with the U.S.-led alliance. Washington has promised to arm and train more Syrian rebels to help fight the Islamic State group.

The al-Golani speech came hours after the group's spokesman warned that Muslims would attack countries taking part in the coalition air raids. □

Venezuelans gather signatures against Maduro

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Hard-line opponents of President Nicolas Maduro began collecting signatures this weekend seeking to force a constitutional assembly and remove the socialist leader before presidential elections in 2019. Analysts consider the petition campaign launched in Caracas by the Popular Will party led by jailed activist Leopoldo Lopez to be a long shot.

Gathering and verifying signatures from 15 percent of registered voters, or nearly 3 million people, would be a logistical nightmare in any country. But in deeply polarized Venezuela, where loyalists dominate government institu-



People sign a petition to force a constitutional assembly that would seek to remove President Nicolas Maduro from office, in Caracas, Venezuela. Hardliner opponents of Maduro began collecting signatures this weekend, to force a constitutional assembly and remove the leader before presidential elections in 2019. The Popular Will party led by jailed activist Leopoldo Lopez is launching the petition campaign.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

tions and the courts, opponents of Maduro fear the National Electoral Council would find a way to invalidate signatures and expose them to retaliation. Many Venezuelans still recall the fallout from a 2004 recall referendum that tried to force the resignation of then-President Hugo Chavez. A pro-government lawmaker published on the Internet the list of more than 2 million voters who signed the petition, and hundreds of opponents said they lost access to government jobs and services as a result.

Support for Maduro has plunged amid a deep economic crisis that has led to widespread shortages and galloping, 60 percent inflation. □



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Associated Press

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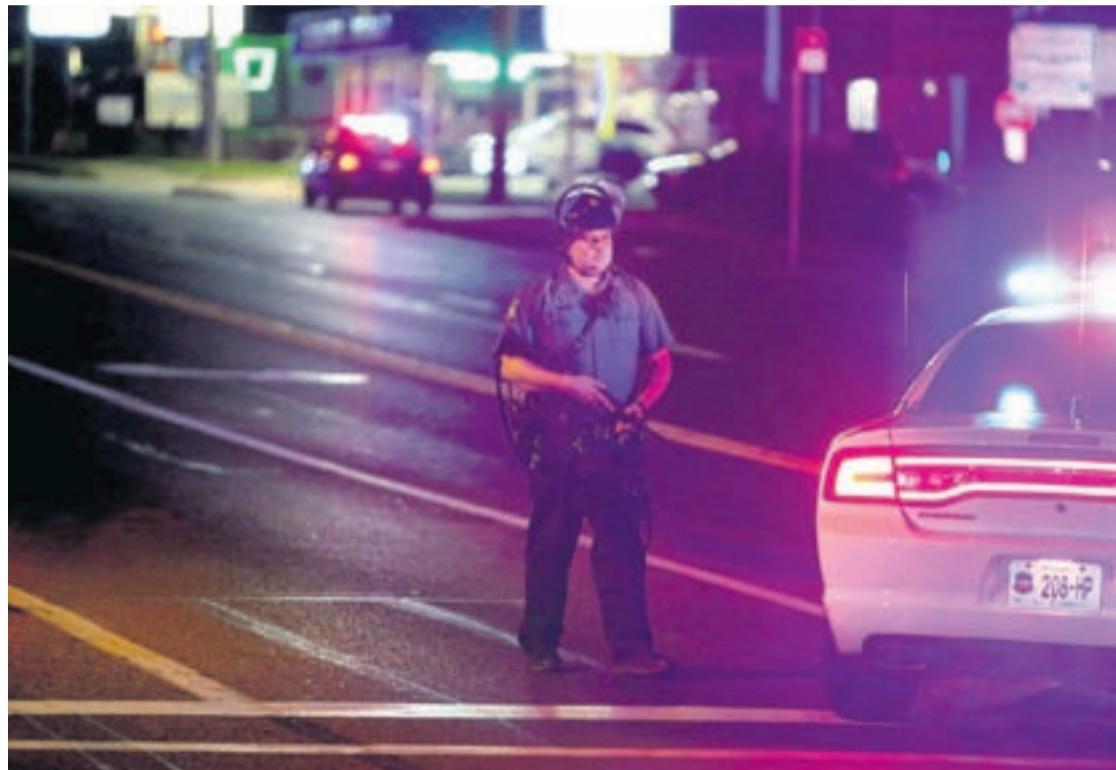
— Authorities searched Sunday for a suspect in the shooting of a police officer in Ferguson, the St. Louis suburb where there have been angry protests since a white officer fatally shot an unarmed 18-year-old black man last month.

Although there were two protests about the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown happening when the officer was shot Saturday night, St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said at a news conference early Sunday that he didn't think they were related to the wounding of the officer.

St. Louis County Police Sgt. Brian Schellman, a police spokesman, said in an email that only one suspect was involved in the shooting, not two as earlier reported.

The suspect was standing outside a closed community center when the officer approached Saturday night. The suspect fled and the officer gave chase. That's when the man turned and shot him in the arm, police said.

Belmar said the officer re-



A police officer stands at Chambers Road at West Florissant on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, in Ferguson, Mo. Authorities searched Sunday for a suspect in the shooting of a police officer in Ferguson, the St. Louis suburb where there have been angry protests since a white officer fatally shot an unarmed 18-year-old black man last month.

(AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, David Carson)

turned fire, but that police have no indication that anyone else was shot. The officer was treated and released from a hospital, Schellman said. Schellman said he didn't know why the body camera the wounded officer was wearing was turned off during the shooting. The shooting comes amid

simmering tension between community members and police in Ferguson, where two-thirds of the residents are black, but only three of the city's 53 police officers are African-American. The shooting of Brown and police response to the protests stoked a national discourse about police tactics and race.

to march with protesters Thursday night sparked a clash that led to several arrests.

When asked whether Jackson should be fired, Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, said he should be. Brown's father, Michael Brown Sr., said rather than an apology, they would like Darren Wilson, the officer who shot their son, to be arrested.

A county grand jury is weighing whether to indict Wilson in Brown's shooting. The Justice Department, which is investigating whether Brown's civil rights were violated, is conducting a broader probe into the Ferguson police department.

On Friday, it urged Jackson to ban his officers from wearing bracelets supporting Wilson while on duty and from covering up their name plates with black tape.

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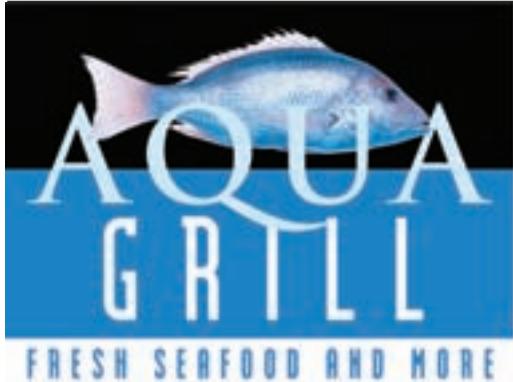


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Police: 15 hurt in Miami nightclub shooting

KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — A shooting sent terrified patrons scrambling from a Miami nightclub early Sunday and left 15 people wounded, including an 11-year-old child, authorities said. When Miami police and rescue crews arrived at a club called The Spot around 1 a.m., they said they found chaos among the large throng of adults and teenagers gathered there. Rescuers found wounded people inside and outside the club, some too hurt to flee, Miami Fire

Rescue Capt. Ignatius Carroll said.

He told The Associated Press that the first emergency crews arriving on the scene were warned to use caution "because there was still active shooting taking place in the area."

One person was reported in critical but stable condition and the other victims remaining in the hospital were in good condition, police spokeswoman Frederica Burden said.

Some victims had also been released, but Burden



A young man rides a bicycle by The Spot, a club in Miami, Fla., where at least 15 people were wounded in a shooting early Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 police said. Miami police said gunfire erupted around 1 a.m. Sunday at the club. It's unclear how many shooters there were and what caused the shooting.

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said she did not know how many.

Some people were running, "people were screaming, people were saying they were shot," Carroll said, adding others were yelling for help for friends who had

been shot. One male was found unresponsive and not breathing when emergency responders arrived. Five girls between 11 and 17 years old also suffered gunshot wounds, Carroll said.

Senator to seek probe of air center sabotage

TAMMY WEBBER

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A U.S. senator said Sunday that he will seek an investigation into how a contract employee was able to sabotage a regional control center and bring Chicago's two international airports to a halt.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois told The Associated Press that he will ask inspectors general at the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate whether there was a security breach when the employee entered the building early Friday with a suitcase without causing suspicion. He then started a fire in the basement telecommunications room before

attempting to commit suicide by slashing his throat. Brian Howard, 36, of Naperville, Illinois, who had access to the control center in suburban Aurora via a swipe card, entered around 5 a.m.

Friday, and about 30 minutes later posted a suicide note on Facebook, according to a federal criminal complaint.

Minutes later, someone at the facility called the emergency dispatcher to report the fire. A relative who saw the Facebook post also alerted authorities. Paramedics followed a trail of blood past a gas can, two knives and a lighter and found the suspect slashing his throat, the complaint said. He also had cuts to his arms.

In New York, Modi says India won't look back



Supporters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India crowd the streets outside Madison Square Garden after Modi gave a speech there during a reception by the Indian community in honor of his visit to the United States, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, in New York.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

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On Monday, Modi will meet with President Barack Obama at the White House, a meeting that both sides hope can improve strained relations between the world's two largest democracies.

Being courted by Washington marks a major change since 2005, when the U.S. denied Modi a visa for his alleged complicity in sectarian violence in his home state of Gujarat.

Several hundred anti-Modi protesters, mostly Americans of Indian descent, both Hindu and Muslim, gathered across the street from Madison Square Garden, chanting behind police barricades, "Modi, Modi, you can't hide, you committed genocide!"

Inside, Modi spoke in Hindi from a dais at the center of the stage that occasionally rotated so he could face a different section of the audience. He vowed to fight corruption and champion India's legions of poor whom he said wanted to participate in the nation's progress.

He also touted India's promise as a tech giant, joking that it's no longer known as a nation of "snake charmers."

"Our country used to play with a snake, now we play with the mouse," Modi said, drawing laughs and applause.

Modi is no stranger to a big

stage. Backed by huge corporate wealth, he was the center of the slickest election campaign India has seen. Madison Square Garden, however, takes it up a notch. It is home to the New York Knicks basketball team and New York Rangers ice hockey team, and was where John Lennon played his last concert. Muhammad Ali fought his first bout against Joe Frazier there.

About 800 people also gathered to watch a live feed of the speech in New York's Times Square, some holding Indian flags and sporting Modi t-shirts.

At both venues, Indian-Americans likened the enthusiasm over Modi's meteoric rise to that surrounding Obama, who captured America's imagination when he won the 2008 presidential election vowing to bring "change."

"We haven't seen a leader like Obama in our country 'til we've seen Modi," said Raj Thondepu, 33, from Jersey City, New Jersey.

"I love Modi. This person has vision," said Dr. Shruti Agarwal, who is doing post-doctoral medical research at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Like others, she warmed to Modi's themes of shaking up the leaden Indian bureaucracy and encouraging Americans with roots in India to give back to the country.

But the Indian leader, a

Hindu nationalist, hasn't entirely shed questions about his past.

A federal court in New York

on Friday issued a summons for Modi in a lawsuit brought by a U.S. human rights group. It was filed on behalf of victims of the Gujarat violence that claimed more than 1,000 lives, mostly Muslims.

The group offered a \$10,000 reward for anyone who is able to serve the summons on Modi, even though as a head of state he enjoys immunity from lawsuits in American courts while in the U.S.

The protesters outside the venue said the Indian leader failed to stop the anti-Muslim rioting as chief minister of Gujarat in 2002. Signs read "Modi, the fascist" and "Stop spreading hate in the name of Hinduism." Khalid Ansari, a computer expert who works in Raleigh. □

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Driver accused of abandoning chicken truck found



This undated photo provided by the Nampa Police Department shows Christopher L. Hall.

(AP Photo/Nampa PD)

NAMPA, Idaho (AP) — Authorities in Idaho have arrested the driver thought to have abandoned a trailer containing 37,000 pounds (16,800 kilograms) of rotten chicken at a western Montana truck stop.

The Greater Idaho Fugitive Task Force in Meridian found Christopher Hall, 42, on Friday afternoon, Nampa police Lt. Eric Skoglund said.

Police say the trailer might have been sitting at the

Flying J Truck Stop west of Missoula, Montana, for a month before it was discovered this week with rancid juices from the cargo dripping onto the pavement and attracting flies. Hall abandoned the trailer after his employer, Dixie River Freight Inc., refused his demands for more money to deliver its then-frozen cargo to Kent, Washington state, according to police. He left the chicken worth \$80,000 to thaw and then rot when the fuel for the trailer's refrigeration unit ran out.

Hall has not been charged with any crimes related to the abandoned trailer, but he was picked up on a parole violation. He now faces a possible theft charge. The Nampa-based trucking company reported the trailer missing Aug. 27, and Nampa police Sgt. Joe Ramirez said it might have been at the truck stop for more than a month.

The trailer was towed Friday morning to a landfill a few miles down Interstate 90 after Dixie River's insur-



This photo provided by the Nampa Police Department shows a Volvo tractor similar to the one reported missing by Dixie River Freight Inc., in Nampa, Idaho. A former employee, Christopher L. Hall, is suspected of abandoning a trailer containing \$80,000 in frozen chicken at a western Montana truck stop and taking the \$160,000 tractor. The chicken has thawed and rancid juices are leaking from the truck.

(AP Photo/Nampa PD)

ance company filled out the necessary paperwork and holes in the trailer were plugged, said Alisha John-

son, a Missoula County Health Department environmental specialist. The putrid load was

dumped into the fresh pit with a bulldozer standing by to cover it, the Missoulian reported.

Hall picked up the trailer Aug. 20 in Springdale, Arkansas, and was supposed to deliver it to Washington state the next day.

He texted and called Dixie River Freight several times for more money, but the company refused to pay him until he delivered the load, Ramirez said.

"He (Staley) said he was distracted by something in the cabin," said Oklahoma Highway Patrol Capt. Ronnie Hampton, who declined to say what the distraction was. He said that investigators do not necessarily agree with Staley's explanation. No charges were pending against Staley.

The Volvo truck that hauled the trailer was discovered Thursday in the parking lot of a Nampa Walmart.

No sign truck driver tried to avoid crash with bus

C. SHERMAN
Associated Press

The tractor-trailer that collided with a bus and killed four members of a Texas community college women's softball team drove straight through an interstate median without any signs of braking or trying to avoid the collision, federal investigators said Sunday. The truck was northbound on Interstate 35 near Davis, Oklahoma, Friday night. As the roadway made a gentle curve to the right, the truck instead continued straight. It traveled about 820 feet (250 meters) through the median

and struck the southbound bus carrying 15 members of the North Central Texas College team and driven by their coach, said Robert Sumwalt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Even after smashing into the driver side of the bus, the truck continued another 300 feet (90 meters), crossing the southbound lanes and barreling through and uprooting trees, Sumwalt said.

"Basically, the general trajectory from the beginning of the roadway departure all the way to the collision and then onward into

the trees was basically a straight line," Sumwalt said. Asked if that suggested the driver was sleeping or otherwise indisposed, Sumwalt said: "That's going to be the million dollar question." "Was it something with the vehicle or was it something with the operator of the vehicle?" he said.

Sumwalt said investigators found no problems with the truck's brakes, but were still trying to download the truck's data recorder, which could show if the brakes were applied. Investigators had interviewed one of the softball players who remained in the hospi-

tal and hoped to interview the other later Sunday.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol, which is conducting the criminal investigation, said Sunday that the truck driver, Russell Staley, 53, of Saginaw, Texas, told investigators he was distracted. "He (Staley) said he was distracted by something in the cabin," said Oklahoma Highway Patrol Capt. Ronnie Hampton, who declined to say what the distraction was. He said that investigators do not necessarily agree with Staley's explanation. No charges were pending against Staley.

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US Financial Front:

Where house prices shot up, rebound is slowest

FLOYD NORRIS

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When an economy is growing rapidly and the population is increasing, house prices are likely to rise. Conversely, areas with slow growth are not likely to see house prices increase. That is generally what has

been expected.

The anomalies appear to reflect excesses during the housing boom. In the seven years before home prices peaked in June 2007, they rose 60 percent for the entire country. But in the Pacific states - Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Wash-

percent during the seven years before the housing bubble burst, less than in any other region.

House price indexes, it should be noted, can vary sharply. The housing finance agency index uses mortgages bought or insured by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two government-sponsored enterprises that the agency regulates. That excludes the sales history of homes that require so-called jumbo mortgages, loans too large for Fannie and Freddie to buy.

The index did not rise as rapidly as some others did during the boom, but it continued to go up for nearly a year after a major compet-

itor, the Case-Shiller 20-city composite, peaked. That index has not recovered as rapidly as the housing finance agency index since the recession ended.

According to the agency index, the best-performing region since 2007 has been the one called West South Central by the Census Bureau, comprising the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. Home prices there are now 14.6 percent higher than they were in the summer of 2007.

That is also the section that has had the strongest economic growth during the period, in large part because it benefited from the boom in energy produc-

tion. At the end of 2013 - the latest regional data available - the real gross domestic product of that group of states was 18.6 percent larger than it had been in mid-2007. That is more than twice the growth of the entire country during the period.

The mining industry, which includes oil and gas wells, accounts for about 10 percent of the economy in that region but produced 20 percent of the growth over the period.

In the West North Central area - Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota - home prices are 1.6 percent higher than they were in mid-2007.



Construction is underway at a housing development in Zelienople, Pa. When an economy is growing rapidly and the population is increasing, house prices are likely to rise. Conversely, areas with slow growth are not likely to see house prices increase.

(AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)

happened in the United States since the summer of 2007, when house prices peaked, as measured by the Federal Housing Finance Agency index.

But there are exceptions. In the Pacific region, house prices soared during the boom. But they have performed relatively poorly in recent years even though the regional economy has outpaced the national one.

In the East North Central region - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, the bulk of the states in the so-called Rust Belt - the economy has grown more slowly than in any of the other eight regions tabulated by the Census Bureau, and population growth has also lagged other regions. But home prices have performed better than might

ington - prices climbed 115 percent. Perhaps as a result, home prices in that region fell further than in any other region during the Great Recession and remain 14.1 percent lower than they were in June 2007, despite an economy that has done better than the national average.

Overall, the housing finance agency reported this week, home prices nationally have recovered to the point that they are only 4.6 percent lower than the peak value.

The East North Central states have matched that performance and thus have done better than many regions, despite having less economic growth than any other region since mid-2007. That may reflect the fact that house prices in that region rose just 26



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Refugees settle in thanks to small US farms

DAVID PITT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

The rapidly rising demand for locally grown fruits and vegetables has created a robust new market for refugees who fled violence in their home countries and found peace in farming small plots of land in several U.S. cities.

With help from a federal grant program and local charities, refugees like Angelique Hakuzimana in Des Moines, Iowa, are now harvesting crops — some of which are native to their home countries — to meet local demand. They're also finding their place in new communities through an activity many are accustomed to, the federal program director said.

Hakuzimana, 39, was displaced by war in Rwanda in 2009 and settled in Iowa through a program sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. On a recent September morning, she picked vegetables as farm manager Zach Couture read off an order sheet from a food cooperative.

She excitedly showed off rows of tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, kale, lettuce and eggplant planted as part of the Global Greens program through the Lutheran Services of Iowa. The hotel housekeeper also grows cassava, a carbohydrate-rich root that's a dietary staple in Africa.

"I really like my garden. I like to work myself. Here you can do anything you like to do," Hakuzimana said, at times struggling to find the English words to express her thoughts. "I've got a lot of food."

The organization received \$85,000 for its program, which offers farm plots on

land owned by a West Des Moines church to 26 refugee families from several nations, including Bhutan, Burma, Burundi and Rwanda.

It's one of 11 organizations to receive grants this year

is something that they are extremely accustomed to," said Munia, whose office is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "The interaction with the local population and other refugees is a huge

15 meters) to grow food primarily for their own use, and eight families have advanced to larger quarter-acre plots (0.1-hectare), the products of which are sold at a farmers market and to the Iowa Food Co-



Angelique Hakuzimana, displaced by war in her native Rwanda in 2009, talks with farm manager Zach Couture, right, in her garden at the Global Greens Farm in West Des Moines, Iowa. A growing interest from consumers to buy locally grown fruits and vegetables has provided a robust new market for refugees who have fled violence in their home countries and have found peace in farming small plots of land in cities across the United States.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neiburgall)

through the federal Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program, which started in 2003 and provides about \$1 million a year, said Ron Munia, director of the Division of Community Development in the Office of Refugee Services. The program also has funded plots in New York City; Buffalo, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Honolulu, Hawaii; Nashville, Tennessee; Providence, Rhode Island; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Tampa, Florida.

"The big thing is that many refugees come from agrarian backgrounds and this

factor in helping them integrate.

"The fact that they're growing food, sharing it with each other, sharing recipes and cooking for each other really helps. Their kids are out there playing together which helps with the language barriers."

Lutheran Services has helped refugees farm for several years, but sought grants after some families asked to expand their plots, program supervisor Hillary Burbank said.

Eighteen have beginner gardens of about 50 feet by 50 feet (15 meters by

operative. The Lutheran Services of Iowa organizes a small farmers market on Saturday mornings in its parking lot. On a recent morning, Pacifique Simon, 22, and his mother, Marise-lina, stood before a table filled with potatoes and peppers from their garden. His family — mom, dad and seven siblings — came to the United States in January 2008 under the United Nations refugee program, leaving their homeland in Burundi for the Democratic Republic of Congo to escape war, and later fleeing to Tanzania.

California's crop harvest smaller than most years

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) —

With harvest time across California, many of the state's once-robust crops — from the grapes that make world-famous wines to popular almonds — are anticipated to be smaller than usual this year due to the state's historic drought.

The water shortage has also led to shrinking orange and pistachio crops as well, the Sacramento Bee reported Sunday. Farmers in rural California are expected to feel the effect as an estimated 420,000 acres (170,000 hectares) of farmland, or about 5 percent of the total, has gone unplanted this year, according to the newspaper. Also, economists at the University of California, Davis said that agriculture, once a \$44 billion annual business in California, will suffer a financial hit of \$2.2 billion due to revenue losses and higher water costs. Another important crop affected by the drought is rice, which is served in restaurants across the U.S. and exported to Asia.

About 140,000 acres (56,660 hectares), roughly one-fourth of California's rice fields went fallow this year, according to the California Rice Commission.

Mike Daddow, a fourth-generation rice grower in southern Sutter County, said he opted to fallow 150 acres (60 hectares) of his family's 800 acres (320 hectares) this year and considers himself lucky.

"We'd all rather be farming, as would everybody who depends on us — the truck drivers, the parts stores, the mills," Daddow said.

More refugees flood the border as IS ramps up attacks



A young girl carries a baby on her shoulder as thousands of Syrian refugees, mostly tired and devastated, enter Turkey at Yumurtalik crossing gate near Suruc, Turkey. More than 200,000 people fleeing the Islamic State militants' advance on Kobani, Syria, arrived in Turkey during last four days to find safety.

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ANNE BARNARD

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MURSITPINAR, Turkey -

Shelling intensified Sunday on Kobani, the Syrian town at the center of a region of Kurdish farming villages that has been under a weeklong assault by Islamic State militants, setting fire to buildings and driving a stream of new refugees toward the fence here at the border with Turkey.

The extremist Sunni militants have been closing in on the town from the east and west after moving into villages with tanks and artillery, outgunning Kurdish fighters struggling to defend the area. The Kurds fear a massacre, especially after recent Islamic State attacks on Kurdish civilians in Iraq. More than 150,000 people have fled into Turkey over the past week.

There were no sounds of jets overhead to indicate to the Kurds that help was coming from the U.S.-led coalition, whose stated mission is to degrade and destroy the Islamic State. Two airstrikes on the eastern front hit Islamic State armored vehicles Saturday, but did not appear to halt the advance.

"Where's Obama?" one Turkish Kurd demanded, watching in anguish near

the border fence as the headlights of cars could be seen streaming out of Kobani toward the border, although there was no way to cross it. "Does he care about the Kurds?"

At least eight projectiles, possibly artillery shells, hit Kobani, also called Ayn al-Arab, during the afternoon and evening, appearing to have come from the east. One hit the main mosque, whose minaret can be seen just across the border from Turkey. As twilight fell, a shell streaked red through the sky and landed in the town.

Dozens of cars were parked near the fence, as they have been over the past week as people have gathered against the chain-link border barrier, trying to get as close to safety as possible. The main border crossing, which crowds had rushed to and pressed against Saturday after the first shells hit the town, appeared to be closed, and workers were constructing an earthen berm around it. Even as it has accepted tens of thousands of refugees, Turkey has closed seven of nine crossing points in the area. Several times, the authorities have used tear gas to disperse crowds trying to cross, while

also preventing Turkish and Syrian Kurds from crossing the border to fight the Islamic State militants. Kurds

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Hong Kong police use tear gas on protesters

KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Pro-democracy demonstrators defied onslaughts of tear gas and appeals from Hong Kong's top leader to go home, as the protests over Beijing's decision to limit political reforms expanded across the city early Monday.

Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying reassured the public that rumors the Chinese army might intervene were untrue.

"I hope the public will keep calm. Don't be misled by

the rumors. Police will strive to maintain social order, including ensuring smooth traffic and ensuring the public safety," said the Beijing-backed Leung, who is deeply unpopular. He added, "When they carry out their duties, they will use their maximum discretion." Protesters spent the night on the pavement, some flat on their backs asleep, others milling around as they watched for police. The sit-ins spread from the financial district, near the government headquarters, to other areas of Hong Kong in the strongest challenge



Riot police launch tear gas into the crowd as thousands of protesters surround the government headquarters in Hong Kong Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014. Hong Kong police used tear gas on Sunday and warned of further measures as they tried to clear thousands of pro-democracy protesters gathered outside government headquarters in a challenge to Beijing over its decision to restrict democratic reforms for the city.

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yet to Beijing's decision to limit democratic reforms for the semi-autonomous city. The scenes of billowing tear gas and riot police outfitted with long-barreled weapons, rare for this affluent Asian financial hub, are highlighting the authorities' inability to assuage public discontent over Beijing's rejection last month of open nominations for candidates under proposed guidelines for the first-ever elections for Hong Kong's leader, promised for 2017.

Authorities announced some traffic controls and said some schools in areas near the main protest site would be closed, as Leung urged people to go home, obey the law and avoid causing trouble.

"We don't want Hong Kong

to be messy," Leung said as he read a statement that was broadcast early Monday. After spending hours holding protesters at bay, police lobbed canisters of tear gas into the crowd on Sunday evening. The searing fumes sent demonstrators fleeing, though many came right back to continue their protest. The government said 26 people were taken to hospitals; some were carried away on stretchers.

The protests began with sit-ins over a week earlier by students urging Beijing to grant genuine democratic reforms to this former British colony.

"This is a long fight. I hope the blockade will continue tomorrow, so the whole thing will be meaningful,"

said 19-year-old Edward Yau, 19, a business and law student. "The government has to understand that we have the ability to undo it if they continue to treat us like we are terrorists."

When China took control of Hong Kong from the British in 1997, it agreed to a policy of "one country, two systems" that allowed the city a high degree of control over its own affairs and kept in place liberties unseen on the mainland. It also promised the city's leader would eventually be chosen through "universal suffrage."

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Italy fights mafia with new strategy: banish sons

FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

LOCRI, Italy (AP) — First Italy fought its mafia mobsters by confiscating their wealth. Now judges are taking away something more precious: their sons. Riccardo Cordi', a shy 18-year-old scion of one of Italy's most notorious mob families, is a pioneer in a new strategy to fight the mafia by exiling crime clan sons from their homes and families. Riccardo is the first of about 20 sons sent into a kind of rehab away from the mob by juvenile courts in the southern region of Calabria, home to the dangerous 'ndrangheta syndicate. By age 16, Riccardo seemed destined to go the



Riccardo Cordi' stands on a terrace in Reggio Calabria, Italy with the Strait of Messina in the background. Cordi' was exiled to Messina during a pioneering anti-mafia program for juveniles, a kind of rehab away from the mob.

way of his father, a reputed boss gunned down in

a turf war, and three elder brothers in prison on mafia-related convictions. Their photos line the wall of the fortress-like Cordi' home in Calabria, seen in an exclusive visit by The Associated Press, in a testimony to the rule of blood in the powerful 'ndrangheta.

But when Riccardo was charged with attempted theft and damage to a police car, judge Roberto Di Bella followed up his ac-

quittal with a startling order: The 'ndrangheta family prince would be sent away to Sicily until he turned 18. Di Bella had sent Riccardo's three brothers to prison and wanted to spare the last son a similar fate. He cited legal provisions that allowed courts to remove minors from families incapable of properly raising them.

Riccardo's mother seethed, but there was

nothing she could do.

"If you don't like it, we'll take him away anyway," the judge told her.

Riccardo was placed in a Sicilian facility for troubled youths where nobody cared that he was a Cordi'. Rules were rigid, including no going out at night. Everyone made their own bed and sat down for meals at a communal table. "It was tough. I was counting the days," Riccardo said in interviews with The AP. The judge put Riccardo under the wing of a fledgling psychologist, Enrico Interdonato. The psychologist had helped launch a courageous band of youths who encourage Sicilian business owners to stop paying "protection" money to the Mafia.

It was an audacious pairing, because the Cordi' crime clan was itself alleged to be in the protection racket. This unlikely mentor helped Riccardo understand the terrible human toll of organized crime, taking him incognito to ceremonies for Mafia victims. □

Monster truck crashes into large crowd in Netherlands

AMSTERDAM (AP) — A monster truck outfitted with tractor-sized wheels crashed into a crowd during a show in the Netherlands near the German border on Sunday, reportedly killing three people and injuring at least a dozen.

Video footage of the incident shows the truck veering off course after driving over the top of a row of cars, then knocking down a guardrail and driving into a group of onlookers.

The mayor of the eastern city of Haaksbergen, Hans Gerritsen, said at a news conference that one child and two adults were killed in the incident, and 15 others were injured, according to Dutch national broadcaster NOS.

Earlier, Gerritsen had told the broadcaster two children were killed.

Local police couldn't immediately be reached

to confirm the number of dead. Ambulances and emergency services were quickly on the scene, including a trauma helicopter from Germany.

One of the show's organizers, Geerlof Kanis, told local broadcaster RTV Oost that the city had granted a permit for the event, which is held annually in the town's center.

He said safety fences kept onlookers at a sufficient distance from the show. He speculated that either the truck's gas pedal got stuck or its brakes failed.

In footage of the incident posted to social media, the truck revs its engine after rolling over the row of cars, and then begins to turn.

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Mosquito virus chikungunya spreading in Latin America

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Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — An ex-

cruciating mosquito-borne illness that arrived less than a year ago in the Americas is raging across the region, leaping from the Caribbean to the Central and South American mainland, and infecting more than 1 million people. Some cases already have emerged in the United States.

While the disease, called chikungunya, usually is not fatal, the epidemic has overwhelmed hospitals, cut economic productivity and caused its sufferers days of pain and misery. And the count of victims is soaring. In El Salvador, health officials report nearly 30,000 suspected cases, up from 2,300 at the beginning of August, and hospitals are filled with people with the telltale signs of the illness, including joint pain so severe it can be hard to walk. "The pain is unbelievable," said Catalino Castillo, a 39-year-old seeking treatment at a San Salvador hospital. "It's been 10 days and it won't let up."

Venezuelan officials reported at least 1,700 cases as of Friday, and the number is expected to rise. Neighboring Colombia has around 4,800 cases but the health ministry projects there will be nearly 700,000 by early 2015. Brazil has now recorded its first locally transmitted cases, which are distinct from those involving people who contracted the virus while traveling in an infected area.

Hardest hit has been the Dominican Republic, with half the cases reported in the Americas. According to the Pan American Health Organization, chi-

kungunya has spread to at least two dozen countries and territories across the Western Hemisphere since the first case was registered in French St. Martin in late 2013.

There have been a few locally transmitted cases in the U.S., all in Florida, and it has the potential to spread farther, experts say, but

Chikungunya is a word that comes from the Makonde language of Tanzania in eastern Africa and translates roughly as "that which bends up," in reference to the severe arthritis-like ache in joints that causes sufferers to contort with pain. It's usually accompanied by a spiking fever and headache. There have been

so bad I couldn't open a bottle, couldn't comb my hair. Every night I was wet from sweat."

In acute cases, pain can last for months. Joanna Rivas, who works as a maid in the Dominican capital of Santo Domingo, said she has had joint pain since May, and her 12-year-old daughter's case is so se-

of chikungunya in June. Authorities throughout the region have been spraying pesticide and encouraging people to remove water containers where mosquitoes can breed.

Oxitec, a British company that has tested genetically modified aedes aegypti to combat dengue in Brazil, Cayman Islands and Panama, says it has received a surge of interest since the start of the outbreak.

Chikungunya, which has been known for decades in parts of Africa and Asia, is transmitted when a mosquito bites an infected person and then feeds on someone else.

It may have found fertile ground in Latin America and the Caribbean because many people are outside in the daytime, when aedes aegypti bite, or lack adequate screens on their windows.

In an article in the New England Journal of Medicine, Dr. Erin Staples of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said access to air conditioning to keep mosquitoes at bay might also be a factor. During an outbreak of mosquito-borne dengue in 1999 along the Texas-Mexico border, aedes aegypti were three times as abundant on the U.S. side but the number of people infected with dengue was twice as high on the Mexican side.

Conditions vary widely in the region. Haiti, where many people live in flimsy shacks with little protection from mosquitoes, has been hit hard. In Venezuela, air conditioning is widespread but the country has a shortage of insect repellent and pesticide sprayers due to the country's economic problems.



Residents stand outside their home with their pets in tow as a Panamanian Health Ministry work fumigates their homes in the Tocumen neighborhood as part of a prevention program against dengue fever and the mosquito-borne virus chikungunya, on the outskirts of Panama City.

(AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)

Central and South America are particularly vulnerable. The chief factors are the prevalence of the main vector for the virus, the aedes aegypti mosquito, and the lack of immunity in a population that hasn't been hit with chikungunya in modern medical history, said Scott C. Weaver, director of the Institute for Human Infections and Immunity at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

"There are going to be some very large populations at risk down there, much larger than the Caribbean," Weaver said.

only 113 deaths linked to the region's outbreak, according to the most recent data, but chikungunya can be crippling.

Herman Slater, a 60-year-old gardener in Jamaica's capital of Kingston, said he was laid out for almost two weeks this month with unimaginable joint pain, hammer-pounding headaches and fevers that came in waves.

"I tell you, I was surprised by how painful it was. It was taking me five minutes to get out of bed, and then I could hardly even walk," Slater said. "My hands were

vere the girl can't hold her pen at school. Both have been taking the pain reliever acetaminophen, the main treatment for chikungunya, which has no cure or vaccine.

Besides the suffering, chikungunya has caused economic damage with the cost of providing treatment and controlling mosquitoes and by absenteeism from work.

A study by the Universidad Eugenio Maria de Hostos in the Dominican Republic found nearly 13 percent of businesses said they had people miss work because

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PALM BEACH - Aruban celebrity Chef Urvin Croes has brought his deft touch to a delightful new eatery located within Blue Residences: Kitchen Table by White. Renowned for his innovative elevation of native island cuisine into gourmet art, he recently opened his intimate and exhilarating dining concept within the newly opened condo/resort complex on the border of Eagle and Palm Beach to rave reviews.

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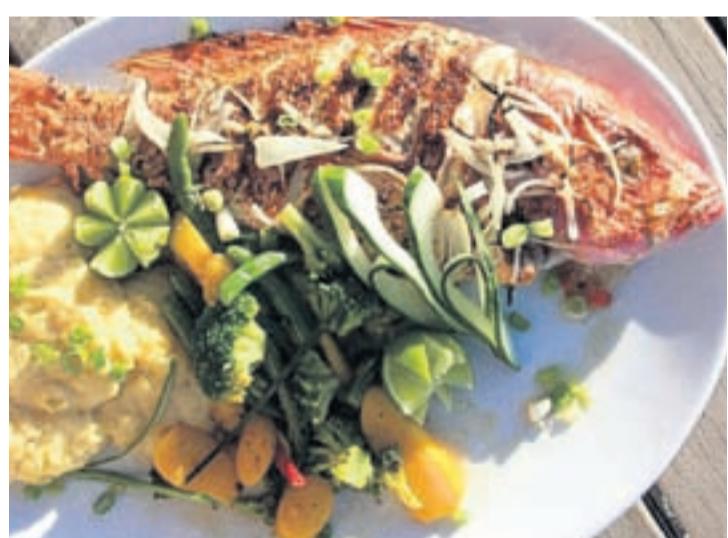
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ORANJESTAD/CANTON, Mass. - Dunkin' Donuts, one of the world's leading baked goods and coffee chains, today announced a special deal for coffee lovers across Latin America and the Caribbean. On Monday, September 29, participating Dunkin' Donuts restaurants across the region will offer guests a free small hot or iced coffee (while supplies last) with different food purchases in honor of the brand's first Global Coffee Day celebration. Certain restrictions apply by country. See store for details. "National Coffee Day has always been one of our favorite days in the U.S., which is why we are so excited to be celebrating our first Global Coffee Day at our restaurants worldwide," said John Costello, President, Global Marketing and Innovation, Dunkin' Brands. "Our coffee helps to keep our guests running all day long and brings joy to customers at Dunkin' Donuts restaurants around the world every day. We hope our guests across Latin America and the Caribbean enjoy this special offer on September 29." For three years running, Dunkin' Donuts has cel-

brated National Coffee Day in the United States by treating guests to various special offers nationwide. This year marks the first time Dunkin' Donuts is extending this promotion globally and thanking fans worldwide for their loyalty and support of the Dunkin' Donuts brand. On September 29th, guests at participating Dunkin' Donuts restaurants in Aruba, the Bahamas, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Peru can enjoy a free small hot or iced coffee with any food purchase while supplies last. Dunkin' Donuts has been a coffee leader for more than 60 years and sold approximately 1.8 billion cups of coffee globally in 2013. In fact, the brand's name originated from the idea of pairing delicious, high-quality coffee and donuts, as people enjoyed dunking, or dipping, their donuts into their coffee, inspiring the name Dunkin' Donuts. Dunkin' Donuts uses 100% Arabica coffee beans for its Original Blend, and the company's coffee specifications are recognized by the industry as a superior grade of coffee. Dunkin' Donuts restaurants across Latin America and the Caribbean offer an extensive variety of hot and iced coffee choices, including flavors such as Original Blend, Hazelnut and French Vanilla. The brand also offers

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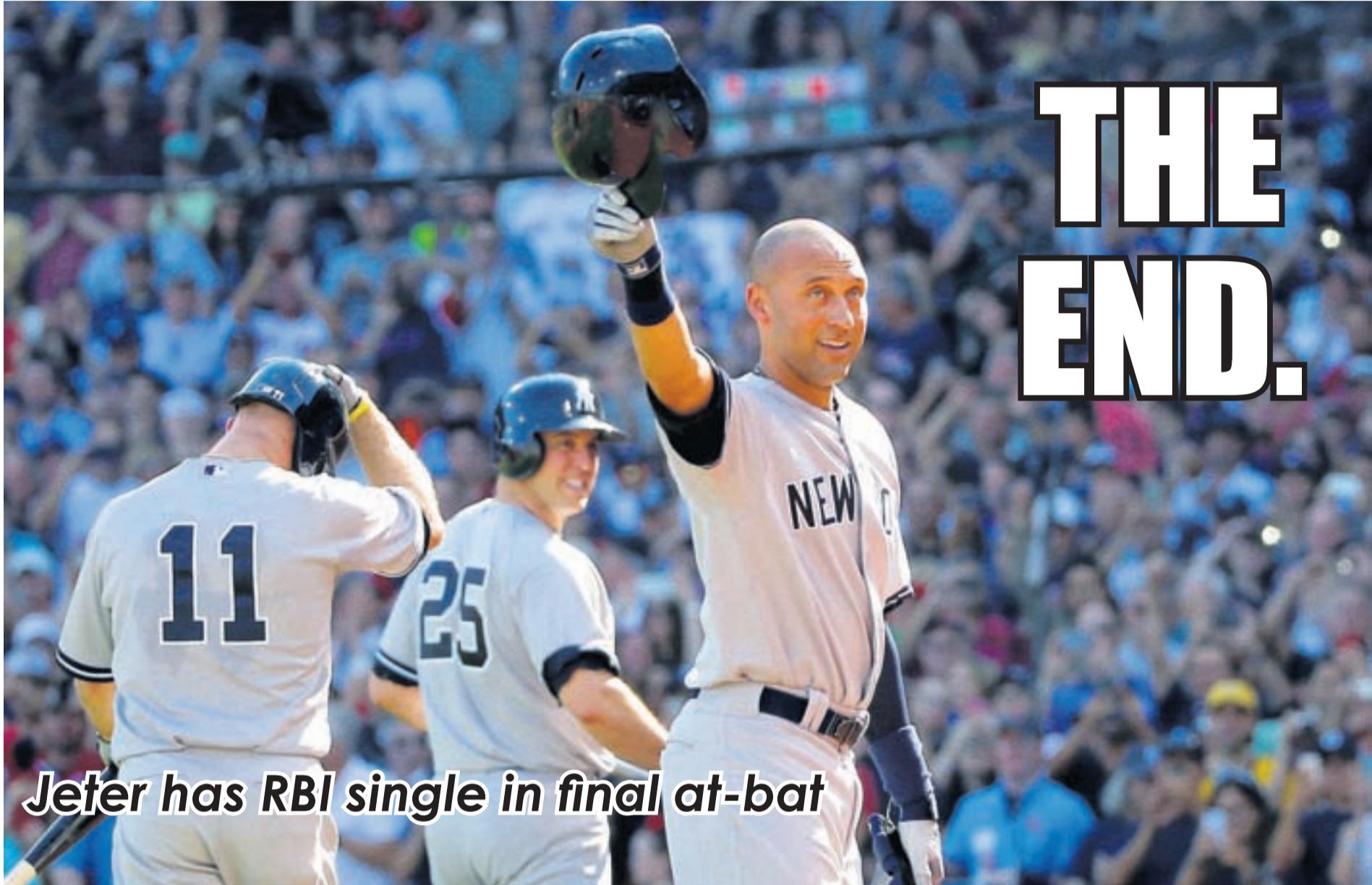
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Jeter has RBI single in final at-bat

New York Yankees designated hitter Derek Jeter tips his cap to the crowd at Fenway Park after coming out of the baseball game for a pinch-runner in the third inning against the Boston Red Sox in a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, in Boston. It is the last baseball game of his career. At left are teammates Brett Gardner (11) and Mark Teixeira (25).

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Europe wins the Ryder Cup again

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

GLENÉAGLES, Scotland (AP)

— Europe added another layer of Ryder Cup dominance on Sunday behind Rory McIlroy big start, two big rallies and a rookie who hit the shot of his life to give this performance a finish it deserved.

Jamie Donaldson, unaware he already had done enough to retain the Ryder Cup, hit a 9-iron that

settled 2 feet from the cup on the 15th hole. Keegan Bradley walked onto the green, saw Donaldson's ball next to the hole, removed his cap and conceded the birdie. And the celebration was on.

The result in the record book was Europe 16½, United States 11½. It's an old story for the Americans. Europe won for third straight time, and now has

won eight of the last 10. "It came down to me to close it out, but it's all about the team," Donaldson said.

"Everyone played their heart out to retain the Ryder Cup. And that's what it's all about."

McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Justin Rose made sure the Americans would not get their redemption from the meltdown at Medinah two years ago as the



Europe's Rory McIlroy celebrates his birdie on the 12th hole during the singles match on the final day of the Ryder Cup golf tournament, at Gleneagles, Scotland, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.

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first team to blow a four-point lead at home.

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Jeff Gordon sprays champagne in Victory Lane after he won the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

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Gordon wins at Dover in Chase elimination race

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Delaware (AP) — Jeff Gordon won the third race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship for an automatic spot in the 12-driver field that advanced to the next round. Gordon was in control in the closing laps Sunday at Dover International Speed-

way and joined Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano as the three drivers who were guaranteed a berth in the next Chase round with victories.

"It wasn't about the points. It wasn't about just squeezing by to get to the next round," Gordon said after his fourth win of the season and 92nd overall. "It was about making a statement. I don't know how you make a bigger statement than what this team just did right there."

Kurt Busch, AJ Allmendinger, Greg Biffle and Aric Almirola were eliminated from championship contention. Four more drivers will be eliminated in the next three-race segment that starts next week at Kansas Speedway.

Kasey Kahne was the last driver to make the Chase cut. Kevin Harvick also advanced, along with Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Matt Kenseth and Ryan Newman.

Hamlin was the lone driver of the bottom four entering Dover to race his way into the top 12. The points will reset for the Kansas, Charlotte and Talladega.

"We can beat every car on the race track. We just need some good luck," Harvick said. "If we get some luck, we'll win races and have a shot at the championship."

Kahne survived after falling two laps down and needed every point he could muster to crack the top 12. Gordon won for the fifth time at Dover and first since 2001, leading four Hendrick Motorsports drivers into the next round.

"I don't know what I've found, but I think a lot of it has to do with (crew chief)

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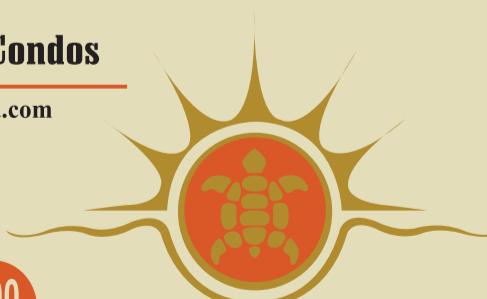
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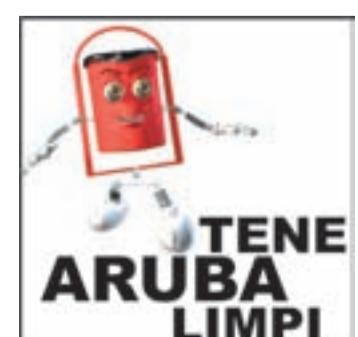
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Murray wins 1st title in 15 months at Shenzhen

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — Second-seeded Andy Murray of Britain rallied from a set down to defeat fourth-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain 5-7, 7-6 (9), 6-1 Sunday to win the Shenzhen Open.

Murray saved five match points as he ended a 15-month title drought while improving his chances of qualifying for the ATP Finals in London in November.

"I got lucky, basically, at the end of the second set," Murray said. "I fought hard, tried my best and thankfully managed to turn it round." The 27-year-old Scot accepted a wild card into Shenzhen in a bid to improve his ranking from 11th into the top eight, so as to qualify for London. Murray now moves up to 10th in

the rankings, just 105 points behind the eighth-placed Tomas Berdych.

Murray trailed 2-6 in the second set tiebreaker against Robredo, but the Spaniard squandered five match points.

"I tried to get as many balls back in play as I could," Murray said of those match points. "I missed three or four balls in the tiebreak by very little. I was frustrated to be in that position, but thankfully managed to turn it around. In those situations you need some luck."

It was Murray's first title since his triumph at Wimbledon in July 2013 and his 29th tour-level victory.

The 32-year-old Robredo was contesting his 21st tour final and, like Murray, was bidding for his first title since July 2013, when he won the

Umag crown. "It's tough to accept it," Robredo said. "But Andy did a great job. He was pushing right till the end and in the end, he deserved it."

U.S. women hold off Serbia 94-74

ISTANBUL (AP) — With Serbia hanging around midway through the fourth quarter, Diana Taurasi and the U.S. women's basketball team stepped up their play to finally pull away.

Taurasi scored 13 of her 20 points in the final period and the Americans beat Serbia 94-74 on Sunday in the world championship to clinch the top seed in Group D.

"It was a tough game," Taurasi said. "Every possession was a battle. They made us work on defense. There are some things we probably got to clean up. These games are good for us. This team hasn't been together very long. In the two weeks that we've been together, we've been battle-tested a couple of times, which in the long run will only help us."

Unlike previous world championship tournaments where the U.S. would have six games be-

fore the elimination rounds, the new format gives the Americans just one more game — against Angola on Tuesday — to get ready for the quarterfinals.

"We just got Brittney Griner two days ago. We just got Candice (Dupree) and Dee (Taurasi) a week ago. We used to use those six games to (get better)," U.S. coach Geno Auriemma said. "So, right now we're just trying to get ready for the weekend, for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. So, I'm not surprised by the games that they're close, close, close and then we take off. I don't expect us to be up 25 points at half-time. It's just not normal."

The U.S. trailed by four points after the first quarter and was down six before Maya Moore got the Americans going. She hit three straight 3-pointers, the last starting a 9-0 run that made it 39-31. The U.S. led 49-42 at the half.



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Kwiatkowski wins road race world title

PONFERRADA, Spain (AP) — Michal Kwiatkowski of Poland pulled away from a star-studded field to win a grueling road race at the cycling world championships on Sunday.

Catching the race favorites eying one another, Kwiatkowski slipped away from the peloton near the end to join a breakaway group of four riders and didn't stop, staying ahead of the chasers on the final descent.

The 24-year-old Kwiatkowski had time to stop pedaling and lift his arms in celebration of his country's first gold medal in the event. The Pole finished the rainy 254.8-kilometer (158.3-mile) ride that started in the midst of heavy fog in six and a half hours.

"I was feeling right on the last lap," Kwiatkowski said. "I was just going for the win and I tried to risk it because I saw that some of the riders were still calculating. I



New world champion Poland's Michał Kwiatkowski celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the men's road race over 254.8 kilometers (158.3 miles) of the Road Cycling World Championships in Ponferrada, north-western Spain, Sunday Sept. 28, 2014.

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didn't and I won. This is incredible."

Simon Gerrans of Australia edged ahead of four others for the silver, one second behind Kwiatkowski. Spaniard Alejandro Valverde was third for the third straight year.

Gerrans said it was hard to watch Kwiatkowski cross

first.

"Honestly, I wanted to cry when I crossed the finish line," Gerrans said. "To be so close and see it slip away is very disappointing."

The 14 laps of the 18.2-kilometer route on well-paved roads took riders by a Templar castle in the city of Ponferrada and through its

hilly surroundings in northern Spain. The course featured two short climbs, but the trickiest part was its long descent back into the city because of the wet surface.

The course was long but not very demanding, meaning that most of the strongest riders arrived in position to challenge for the title.

Even so, former Tour de France winner Chris Froome withdrew with less than three laps to go after falling behind the peloton. The British rider also failed to finish last year's race in Florence, Italy.

Just when the sun had started to shine after a rainy morning, Tour winner Vincenzo Nibali fell in a low-speed crash involving a handful of riders. The Italian appeared unhurt and was able to join the peloton, but couldn't contend for the win.

An early group of four escapees opened up an

advantage of almost 15 minutes, but it was slowly reeled in by a peloton led for a long stretch by the Polish team.

"I am really thankful for my mates for what they did at the beginning," Kwiatkowski said. "We decided to continue riding and stay at the front. I said right from the start that there is no time to wait, we have to lead the peloton because that was our best chance."

Germany's Tony Martin, dethroned as time trial champion by Bradley Wiggins, tried a solo effort with three laps to go. He too was caught by a small group that then relented and let the rest catch up. Seeing Kwiatkowski speed away, Joaquim Rodriguez attacked on the last climb to try and catch him. Nibali couldn't keep up, but Valverde, Gerrans and Philippe Gilbert quickly joined in, forming a formidable pack of pursuers. □



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Derek Jeter has RBI single in last at-bat

HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP)—Derek Jeter tacked one last hit onto his remarkable career, then waved his helmet in a final farewell to the major leagues.

Successful to the very end, the New York Yankees captain hit a high chop in the third inning that bounced off the right hand of leaping Red Sox third baseman Garin Cecchini. Jeter reached first without drawing a throw, and after a few seconds Brian McCann trotted from the dugout to pinch run.

Jeter got a standing ovation as he slowly ran off the field to complete his 20th big league season, pointed to the Boston dugout and embraced pitcher Clay Buchholz.

Approaching the Yankees dugout after the team's last at-bat by a player with single-digit uniform number, the 40-year-old who has worn No. 2 since his rookie season lifted his helmet to recognize the cheers and was hugged on the warning track by Mark Teixeira and Brett Gardner. Boston players stood in their dugout and applauded. The ovation continued as others in his dugout congratulated their leader. Jeter's parents watched from the stands.

The final hit, Jeter's 3,465th, left him with a .310 career batting average, raising it from .30945 to .30951. And it came at Fenway Park, the same field where Mickey Mantle played his finale exactly 46 years earlier.

Jeter had lined out to shortstop Jemile Weeks in the first inning. The last active member of the Core Four that included Jorge Posada, Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettitte, Jeter led the



New York Yankees designated hitter Derek Jeter follows through on a single in the third inning against the Boston Red Sox in a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, in Boston. It is the last baseball game of Jeter's career.

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Yankees to 13 AL East titles, seven AL pennants and five World Series championships. He broke an ankle in the 2012 AL championship series opener and was limited to 17 games the following season. He dropped off this year to a .256 average with four homers and 50 RBIs. Before the game, Jeter was congratulated by former captains of local pro teams.

During a half-hour ceremony, Carl Yastrzemski and Jason Varitek of the Red Sox, Bobby Orr of the Bruins, Troy Brown of the New England Patriots and Paul Pierce of the Celtics came out of the

Boston dugout, one after the other.

They shook hands with Jeter, standing on the grass just behind the dirt at shortstop.

At the start of the ceremony, the date "SEPTEMBER 28 2014" was removed, one character at a time, from the hand-operated scoreboard on the left-field wall and replaced by "WITH RESPECT 2 DEREK JETER." Then the "S" in "RESPECT" was replaced by the No. 2.

Jeter waved his cap as he left the dugout for his 153rd game at Fenway, including the playoffs, breaking a tie with Lou Gehrig and Man-

tle for most by a Yankee.

Boston second baseman Dustin Pedroia presented a base with a No. 2 and blue pinstripes on it to Jeter. He also received a green sign with white characters like those on the Green Monster scoreboard saying "REPECT."

A video was shown of Jeter being doused in the Yankees clubhouse as part of the "Ice Bucket Challenge" inspired by former Boston College baseball captain Pete Frates to raise awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, a condition Frates is afflicted with. Then Frates

rode onto the infield grass in his wheelchair and Jeter came in to greet him.

Michelle Brooks Thompson, a Massachusetts native from the Voice TV show, sang "Respect" on the infield dirt then Jeter shook hands and hugged her.

Jeter sat out Friday's series opener to recover from his emotionally draining final home game when his single in the ninth inning gave the Yankees a 6-5 win over the Baltimore Orioles and unleashed a wild celebration as teammates poured from the dugout to embrace him between first and second base. □

Gore powers 49ers past Eagles to avoid 3-game skid

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, California (AP) — Frank Gore caught a career-best 55-yard touchdown and ran for 119 yards in his first 100-yard game this year, leading the San Francisco 49ers past Philadelphia 26-21 on Sunday to hand the Eagles their first loss.

The 49ers delivered a late goal-line stand as they avoided their first three-game losing streak under fourth-year coach Jim Harbaugh, containing the league's top passer in Nick Foles. He threw two incomplete passes from the 1 in the waning moments.

On a day the 49ers (2-2) gave up big plays on special teams, Gore came through. Colin Kaepernick also threw a touchdown pass to Stevie Johnson and Phil Dawson kicked four field goals.

Darren Sproles had a career-best 82-yard punt return for a touchdown, Malcom Jenkins ran an interception 53 yards for a score for the Eagles (3-1). Brad Smith recovered a blocked punt for a TD. Buccaneers 27, Steelers 24

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Glennon hit a diving Vincent Jackson for a 5-yard touchdown with 7 seconds remaining to lift Tampa Bay to a stunning win. The Buccaneers (1-3) lost to Atlanta by six touchdowns a week ago but bounced back. Glennon passed for 302 yards in his first start of the season, including a 41-yard catch-and-run by Louis Murphy that set up Jackson's score.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 314 yards and three touchdowns, but Pittsburgh (2-2) couldn't protect a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter. Antonio Brown caught seven passes for 131 yards and two scores, and Heath Miller added a career-high nine grabs.

The Steelers committed 13 penalties for 125 yards.

Ravens 38, Panthers 10

BALTIMORE (AP) — Steve Smith punished his former team with seven catches for 139 yards and two



San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore (21) scores on a 55-yard touchdown reception against the Philadelphia Eagles during the second quarter of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.

touchdowns. Smith spent 13 seasons with Carolina before he was released in a cost-cutting move during the offseason. The 35-year-old receiver showed the Panthers he can still make the big play, scoring twice in the second quarter to help put Baltimore (3-1) in front 21-7 at halftime.

The first touchdown came when Smith grabbed a pass that deflected off the right hand of teammate Owen Daniels. He caught the ball in stride and took it into the end zone to complete a 61-yard play. Smith also scored from 21 yards with a diving reception.

Joe Flacco went 22 of 31 for 327 yards and three touchdowns, the other a 24-yarder to Torrey Smith. Carolina (2-2) has lost two straight, both in lopsided fashion against AFC North foes.

Packers 38, Bears 17

CHICAGO (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw for 302 yards and four touchdowns, and the Packers shook off one of their worst offensive performances in years.

The Packers (2-2) scored on their first six possessions to build a 38-17 lead. They

racked up 358 yards after being held to 223, their lowest total since 2008, a week earlier in a 19-7 loss at Detroit.

They intercepted Jay Cutler twice in the third quarter to pull away from the Bears (2-2). That gave Green Bay five straight wins at Soldier Field, including the NFC title game four years ago and a playoffs-or-bust finale for both teams last season.

Chargers 33, Jaguars 14

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Philip Rivers threw for 377 yards and three touchdowns, two to Eddie Royal.

Royal had scoring catches of 47 and 43 yards, his second straight two-touchdown game. The Chargers (3-1) extended their winning streak to three.

Passing because the Chargers' running game is nonexistent due to injuries to Ryan Mathews and Danny Woodhead, Rivers had his second three-touchdown game of the season. He went 29 of 39.

Royal had five catches for 105 yards. Keenan Allen had 10 for 135, both career highs, and Malcom Floyd had a 24-yard touchdown catch.

Rookie Blake Bortles made

his first start for the Jaguars (0-4), threw one touchdown pass, was intercepted twice and twice had Jacksonville in the lead in the first half.

Vikings 41, Falcons 28

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Teddy Bridgewater passed for 317 yards and a key 2-point conversion before leaving with an ankle injury. The rookie was 19 for 30 with no turnovers and ran five times for 27 yards and a score in his first career start, but his last carry was costly. His left foot rolled underneath him

as he was sandwiched by two tacklers at the 1-yard line. Matt Asiata powered his way in on the next play for his third touchdown, and Bridgewater stayed in to zip a crisp pass to Rhett Ellison to push the lead to 35-28. As Bridgewater was taken away on a cart for X-rays, Christian Ponder took over at quarterback for the Vikings (2-1).

The Falcons (2-2) lost three starting offensive linemen to injuries and wound up sticking tight end Levine Toilolo at right tackle in the fourth quarter.

Texans 23, Bills 17

HOUSTON (AP) — J.J. Watt had another highlight-reel

play to help the Texans overcome a tough day offensively. Houston (3-1) was down by three in the third quarter and Ryan Fitzpatrick had just thrown a second interception when the 6-foot-5, 289-pound Watt returned an interception 80 yards to put the Texans up 14-10.

The defensive end caught a touchdown pass in Week 2, giving him more TDs this year than Arian Foster and Andre Johnson combined. Under heavy pressure all afternoon, EJ Manuel finished with 225 yards passing with two touchdowns and two interceptions for the Bills (2-2). Buffalo was driving late when Darryl Morris picked him off at the Houston 15 to secure the victory.

Lions 24, Jets 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Matthew Stafford threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Lions overcame Calvin Johnson being limited by an ankle injury.

Jeremy Ross and Eric Ebron caught scoring passes for the Lions, who are 3-1 for the second straight season. Stafford finished 24 of 34 for 293 yards.

Johnson, who was in and out of the game, was clearly impeded by his injured ankle. He had just two catches for 12 yards. Golden Tate had a big game, catching eight passes for 116 yards.

A struggling Geno Smith had two more turnovers as chants of "We Want Vick!" echoed throughout MetLife Stadium at times. The Jets, who made it close on Chris Johnson's 35-yard run with 6:58 left, fell to 1-3 for the first time in Rex Ryan's six seasons as coach.

Dolphins 38, Raiders 14

LONDON (AP) — Ryan Tannehill threw for 278 yards and two touchdowns in the latest international game. Tannehill, in the middle of a storm all week because his coach declined to confirm him as the starter, took advantage of a depleted Oakland defense to snap a two-game losing streak for the Dolphins (2-2). □



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first team to blow a four-point lead at home.

McIlroy was 6-under par on his first six holes and trounced Rickie Fowler to set the tone. The Americans put plenty of red on the board early, just not for long. McDowell was 3-down after five holes and Rose was four behind after six holes. McDowell rallied to beat Jordan Spieth, while Rose earned a halve against Hunter Mahan.

Martin Kaymer, who holed the winning point at Medinah, put Europe on the cusp of victory when he chipped in for eagle on the 16th to beat Bubba Watson.

That set the stage for Donaldson.

"The shot of my life," he called it.

Europe captain Paul McGinley, who spoke all week about a template for success, stood by the 15th green with the rest of the players who had finished their matches. Donaldson was mobbed by his teammates, another happy occasion for Europe.

Asked for the highlight of the week, McGinley turned to Donaldson and said, "When you look at a face like that." He put both hands on Donaldson's face and hugged him.

The Americans still can't figure out this exhibition of team play.

They even brought back Tom Watson, at 65 the oldest captain in Ryder Cup history and the last American captain to win on European soil. Watson made a series of questionable moves during team play and the Americans didn't have much hope on Sunday.

Watson attributed the loss to foursomes—Europe was unbeaten in both sessions



Europe team captain Paul McGinley, center right, and his team hold the trophy after winning the 2014 Ryder Cup golf tournament at Gleneagles, Scotland, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.

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Dennis Kimetto sets world mark at Berlin Marathon

CIARAN FAHEY

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Dennis Kimetto knocked 26 seconds off the world marathon record Sunday as the sub-two hour mark moved a step closer.

The 30-year-old Kenyan won the 41st edition of the Berlin Marathon in 2 hours, 2 minutes, 57 seconds, becoming the first man to complete a marathon in under 2 hours, 3 minutes.

The previous record of 2:03:23 was set by another Kenyan, Wilson Kipsang, in Berlin last year.

"I feel good today for today is a big day for me," Kimetto said. "The fans made me confident and I thought I could do it."

Second-placed Emmanuel Mutai also beat the previous record, finishing in 2:03:13, and he believes a two-hour marathon is possible.

"From what I saw today, times are coming down and down. So if not today, then tomorrow," the 29-year-old Kenyan said. "Maybe next time we'll get

2:01."

Mutai had run the fastest marathon in history in 2:03:02 in Boston in 2011, though it didn't count as a world record because the course is considered too straight and downhill.

During Sunday's race Mutai set a world record in running 30K in 1:27:37, just beating Patrick Makau's previous best of 1:27.38 from 2011.

Abera Kuma of Ethiopia was third in 2:05:56, ahead of Kenyans Geoffrey Kamworor and Eliud Kiptanui.

Tirfi Tsegaye won the women's race in 2:20:18, with fellow Ethiopian Feyse Tadese second in 2:20.27. American Shalane Flanagan was third in 2:21:14, missing out on her bid to beat the U.S. record of 2:19:36, yet achieving a personal best.

"I think it's all about perspective. This year I've dropped four minutes from my overall marathon time," said Flanagan, who led by 18 seconds at the 20K mark.

and collected seven of the eight points — though McGinley wrote that off as a fluke. Asked what he would tell his team in a final meeting, Watson said, "You played your best, but it wasn't enough. You've got to find out what it takes a little better."

Watson sure didn't find it. Except for a victory at Valhalla behind captain Paul Azinger in 2008, the Americans haven't solved this Ryder Cup puzzle.

Phil Mickelson, on the bench for both sessions Saturday, finished off a 2-1 week by beating Stephen Gallacher. Asked about the future of the Ryder Cup, Mickelson went back

to that last U.S. victory.

"We had a great formula in '08, and I don't know why we strayed from it," Mickelson said. "What Zinger did was really a good format. Maybe we should relive that."

Azinger has said that Watson never asked him about his "pod" system in which the U.S. team was broken into three groups of four players and stuck together the entire week.

No team embodies togetherness quite like Europe. The Americans now have to wait two more years — Hazeltine outside Minneapolis is the next Ryder Cup — to figure that out.



Kenya's Dennis Kimetto crosses the finish line to win the Berlin marathon in a world record time in Berlin, Germany, on Sunday Sept. 28, 2014.

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Ines Melchor of Peru set a South American record of 2:26:48 in finishing eighth, just behind Anna Hahner of Germany, who delighted home fans with a personal best of 2:26:44 for seventh.

Some 40,004 runners from 130 nations were accepted for the race, which was run in perfectly clear conditions.

Kimetto, whose previous personal best was the 2:03:45 he ran to win the Chicago Marathon last

year, was part of a leading group including Mutai, Kuma, Kiptanui, Kamworor, Tsegaye Kebede, Levy Matebo and Franklin Chepkwony.

They maintained a steady pace but lost a couple of seconds after the 12th kilometer, before picking it up again after 15K. Matebo and Kiptanui dropped back as the leaders crossed the halfway mark in 1:01:45 — inside world record pace.

Dollar recovers its luster, underlining rebound in US economy

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President Barack Obama's handling of the economy may be reviled by his political opponents, but he is receiving support from a surprising quarter: foreign exchange traders.

The U.S. dollar, after one of its most prolonged weak spells ever, has now re-emerged as the preferred currency for global investors. Across trading desks in New York, London and elsewhere, analysts are rushing to raise their dollar forecasts based on the resurgence in the U.S. economy.

In part, this bullish mood is tied to signals from the Federal Reserve that it will soon stop its bond-buying program - a change that would lift interest rates and buoy the dollar.

Yet the recent rally in the dollar - it has gained about 3.2 percent against the euro since Aug. 20 and about 8 percent against the yen since July 1 - underscores expectations that the U.S. economy will continue to grow at a faster clip than that of Europe, Japan and even large emerging markets, all of which are seeing their economies stagnate.

On Thursday, the dollar extended its rise, reaching a two-year high of 1.27 against the euro following the release of data in



A board outside Manhattan's Emigrant Savings Bank shows currency exchange rates, in New York, Sept. 25, 2014. After one of its most prolonged weak spells ever, the dollar has re-emerged as a preferred currency for global investors, on Thursday trading at a four-year high against a broad index of currencies.

(Kirsten Luce/The New York Times)

Germany that showed a decline in business confidence there. Against a broad basket of currencies, the dollar is now trading at a four-year peak.

The gains in the dollar even came on a day when stocks in the United States sustained a broad decline. The benchmark Standard & Poor's 500-stock index closed down 1.6 percent, its biggest drop since July 31. Technology stocks in particular were weak, as

shares of Apple slumped 3.8 percent. Safety-seeking investors piled into Treasurys, and the price of the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose, driving the yield, which moves in the opposite direction from the price, down seven basis points, to 2.50 percent. After more than a decade of low interest rates and easy money, the notion of a strong dollar harks back to some seemingly distant periods in economic his-

tory, like the years of balanced budgets under President Bill Clinton in the 1990s or the height of Ronald Reagan's popularity in the early to mid-1980s. During those periods, the U.S. economy was flush with health, and a muscular currency - which made it attractive for Americans to travel and enabled investors to snap up overseas assets on the cheap - amplified this sense of global might.

It may be early days for the rally, however. In today's global, highly interwoven economy, currency moves can be deceptive and fleeting. Still, the increasing push by investors into the dollar can be seen as a favorable report card on the U.S. economy, highlighting good performance in crucial benchmarks such as growth and fiscal responsibility, and an increasingly competitive position abroad because of a boom in energy exports.

"As long as the U.S. continues to grow and the rest of the world remains stagnant, the dollar will rally," said Stephen L. Jen, a former economist for the International Monetary Fund who runs a hedge fund in London.

A strong dollar is not always a plus. Over time, it can stall economic growth by hurting exports, although economists point out that even with its recent spurt the currency remains undervalued in historical terms.

Another consequence of a stronger dollar is currency instability in emerging markets.

As currencies like the Turkish lira, the Brazilian real and the Chinese renminbi weaken, investors will be less willing to hold on to their assets in these countries - choosing instead to park their money in higher-yielding U.S. dollar assets.

"The currency markets will become much more volatile," said Mohamed A. El-Erian, a former top executive at the bond giant PIMCO who also worked at the International Monetary Fund.

Bolstering the dollar's fortunes is a realization among traders and economists that the growth gap between the United States and much of the rest of the world has not been this wide for quite some time.

According to estimates from Nomura, the investment bank, the United States' estimated growth of 3.1 percent next year outpaces that of Latin America, emerging and developed Europe. □

On The Job:

Looking at productivity as a state of mind

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Policymakers often fret about the pace of worker productivity. But each of us also frets about the pace of our own individual productivity.

Type the phrase "being more" into Google: The autocomplete function suggests "being more productive" as the third-most-likely choice - right behind "being more assertive" and "being more confident." That suggests that many people are searching for answers about productiv-

ity.

But there is a disconnect. When we look at worker productivity at the macro level, we tend to limit ourselves to issues like skill shortages, new technologies or appropriate incentives.

In our own lives, though, we see a personal struggle. Tomorrow we want to finish that memo, review several files and plan that project. We know that some of the work will be tedious, but benefits like career advancement, fulfillment or just sheer survival outweigh the costs. When tomorrow

becomes today, though, we may discover that we have all kinds of pressing problems. The tedium we had anticipated suddenly feels very large. It is tempting to take a break and just let our minds wander. In our own lives self-control is a big problem - yet it is largely absent from high-level discussions about worker productivity.

And that raises an obvious question: By focusing so heavily on classic big-picture issues, are policymakers overlooking something that may be even more im-

portant?

Several of us tried to find some answers in a recent study. Supreet Kaur, an economist at Columbia University; Michael Kremer, an economist at Harvard; and I tracked the productivity of Indian data entry workers for over a year. These workers were well-motivated. Their pay depended directly on how much data they entered.

To gauge the extent of their self-control problems, we gave them an offer.

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BlackBerry shows signs of life despite Q2's loss

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OTTAWA - Two days after unveiling its latest attempt to rekindle interest in its smartphones, BlackBerry announced a \$207 million second-quarter loss this weekend. Despite the loss, the company, based in Waterloo, Ontario, no longer appears to be on the brink of financial disaster. But few if any analysts were willing to declare the turnaround by John S. Chen, who became executive chairman and chief executive last November, anywhere near complete.

The company's revenue of \$916 million for the period reflected a \$50 million drop from the first quarter. Its cash holdings, however, remained unchanged at \$3.1 billion.

The results cover a quarter in which Chen announced that a series of severe cutbacks and layoffs at BlackBerry had ended and that the company was again hiring employees in areas targeted for growth.

"Our workforce restructuring is now complete, and we are focusing on revenue growth with judicious investments to further our leadership position in enterprise mobility and security," Chen said in a statement.

Shares in the company rose more than 4 percent Friday after the earnings were released. But some analysts remained unconvinced that BlackBerry was firmly on a path to becoming a company focused on software and services for mobile phones and tablets used by government and corporate employees.

"BlackBerry is a company that's going to take a much longer time to turn around," said James H. Gellert, chief executive at Rapid Ratings, an independent corporate risk assessment company. "We are still in a limbo period for them. There's a lot left to prove."

Excluding charges for layoffs and other restructuring and a charge related to the lower value of BlackBerry's bonds, the company's loss from operations during the quarter was \$11 million.

Chen's shift toward software and service, however, is encountering a timing issue. During the second quarter, services and software fell slightly as a percentage of the company's overall business, to 54 percent from 61 percent at the beginning of the fiscal year.

That is partly because until last year, all BlackBerry phones ran much of their data through the company's closed, secure data network. In turn, that meant that long after its purchase, every BlackBerry handset generated service fees for the company.

The introduction of the BlackBerry 10 operating system last year upset that arrangement, because the system allows phones to work without connecting to BlackBerry's data network. Only BlackBerry 10 phones tied to businesses or governments using BlackBerry's mobile device management software are continuing money makers, with each device earning BlackBerry about \$19 a year for basic service.

While a large number of older phones with the BlackBerry 7 operating system remain in use - Chen said they accounted for many North American sales during the quarter - and continue to generate fees, their overall numbers continue to decline.

There was, however, at least one promising sign for Chen's plan in the quarterly results. BlackBerry initially allowed companies a free trial of its new mobile device management software, known as BlackBerry Enterprise Server 10. By the end of the last quarter, corporations and governments were paying for the software and its services on 3.4 million phones, about a three-fold increase from the first quarter.

Activist investor pushes Yahoo on AOL

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer is getting some unsolicited advice on how to turn around the long-struggling Internet company, just like some of her predecessors who tangled with investors dissatisfied with management's performance. In a letter this weekend, activist investor Jeffrey Smith urged Yahoo Inc. to buy another fallen Internet star, AOL Inc. and take steps to

online advertising arsenal to improve their chances of competing against Internet stalwarts Google Inc. and Facebook Inc.

"It makes a lot of sense," said BGC Financial Partners Colin Gillis.

In a statement, Mayer said she looked forward to discussing Smith's ideas. "Going forward, we have great confidence in the strength of our business," Mayer said.

AOL didn't respond to requests for comment Friday.

ing the company for spurning a \$47.5 billion takeover offer from Microsoft Corp. Hedge-fund manager Daniel Loeb also wound up with three board seats in 2012 after orchestrating the ouster of one of Yahoo's previous CEOs, Scott Thompson.

Since becoming Yahoo's CEO in July 2012, Mayer has been buying startups and trendy services such as Tumblr in an effort to appeal to a younger demographic and expand Ya-



Yahoo President and CEO Marissa Mayer speaks during the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. In a letter this weekend, activist investor Jeffrey Smith urged Yahoo Inc. to buy another fallen Internet star, AOL Inc. and take steps to reduce the future taxes on the company's lucrative stake in China's Alibaba Group.

(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

reduce the future taxes on the company's lucrative stake in China's Alibaba Group. He also chastised Mayer for spending \$1.3 billion to acquire an Internet blogging service and more than two dozen other startups during the past two years with little to show in return so far.

To bolster his arguments, Smith says he has built a "significant" stake in Yahoo through Starboard Value LP. The size of the stake wasn't quantified in the letter and hasn't yet been divulged in regulatory filings. The idea of Yahoo and AOL getting together isn't a new one. Various analysts and other Internet observers have argued a marriage between the two companies would allow them to cut costs, attract more Web surfers and, most importantly, strengthen their

The prospect of a change in Yahoo's recent direction seemed to excite investors. Yahoo's stock rose \$1.71, or 4.4 percent, to close at \$40.66. AOL's stock added \$1.58, or 3.7 percent, to finish at \$44.55 as investors reacted to a potential buyout bid.

Smith agitated for change at AOL in 2012 after he acquired a 5.3 percent stake in that company and mounted an unsuccessful campaign to win three board seats.

He didn't express any interest in trying to replace anyone on Yahoo's nine-member board, which includes Mayer.

This is the third time in the past six years that an activist investor has targeted Yahoo for a shake-up.

Billionaire Carl Icahn seized three spots on Yahoo's board in 2008 after attack-

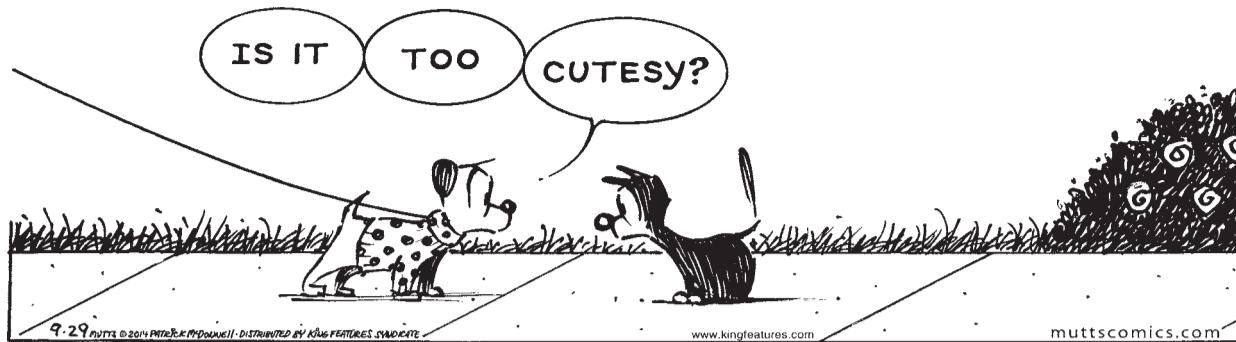
hoo's audience on smartphones and tablets as more people rely on those mobile devices to connect with digital services.

Given that AOL is still closely associated to the days when people relied on dial-up modems to surf the Web, Mayer might view a buyout to be "too backward-looking for Yahoo," Gillis said.

Yahoo could easily afford to take over AOL, whose market value is currently hovering around \$3.5 billion. After paying taxes, Yahoo is expected to pocket about \$6 billion from selling 140 million of its shares in Alibaba, a rapidly growing e-commerce company that went public last week.

Yahoo still holds a 15 percent stake in Alibaba worth about \$34 billion, an asset that Smith contends has been mismanaged.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Saturday's puzzle answer

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- 14 German sub
- 15 Set __; leave shore
- 16 Grew older
- 17 Angry look
- 18 Egg on
- 19 Outdoor play area for kids
- 20 Homesteaders
- 22 Salad veggie
- 24 Friendly nation
- 25 Rejected with disdain
- 26 Of the backbone
- 29 Social division in India
- 30 Cow's cry
- 31 Nonconformist
- 33 Wooden shoe
- 37 On the __ with; not speaking to
- 39 Homes of twigs
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- 42 President Ulysses S. __
- 44 Hydrogen and helium
- 46 Deadly snake
- 47 External
- 49 Ocean __; cruise ships
- 51 Tumbler
- 54 Escape
- 55 Small fruits
- 56 Allen Ludden's old game show
- 60 Bridal veil material
- 61 Give the cold shoulder to
- 63 Giggler's sound
- 64 Above
- 65 British peer
- 66 One from China or Japan
- 67 Marries
- 68 Harp of old
- 69 Building level
- 23 Crazy
- 25 Sprinkles at the table
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- 27 Rain heavily
- 28 Tiny amount
- 29 Actor Romero
- 32 Sire children
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- 35 Fragrance
- 36 Soothing drinks
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- 40 Peddles
- 43 Toothpaste container
- 45 Naps in Spain
- 48 Fez dangler
- 50 Most modern
- 51 Shining
- 52 Want badly
- 53 Ran fast
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- 56 Cat's sound
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- 9 Slumbers
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Usually the workers were paid 2 rupees for every 100 fields of data they entered. (A field of data typically included a single number containing several digits.) For some, we gave the option of working under a different contract, in which they would choose a target, say 5,000 data fields in a single day. If they failed to hit the target their usual rate of earnings would be cut in half. They would earn only 1 rupee for every 100 fields of data. If they did make the target they would earn exactly the same rate as before, and no more: just 2 rupees per 100 fields.

At any given level of productivity, this contract paid a rate that was less or the same as the old one, never more. And the workers knew this. Yet they chose it because it helped them work much harder and earn much more. The effect on earnings was as large as the benefit, for data entry workers, of an additional year of education or an increase in their piece rate of 50 percent.

In fact, Greg Clark, a professor of economics at the University of California, Davis, has gone so far as to argue that the Industrial Revolution was in part a self-control revolution. Many economists, beginning with Adam Smith, have argued that factories - an important innovation of the Industrial Revolution - blossomed because they allowed workers to specialize and be more productive.

Clark argues that work rules truly differentiated the factory. People working at home could start and finish when they wanted, a very appealing sort of flexibility, but it had a major drawback, he said. People ended up doing less work that way.

Factories imposed discipline. They enforced strict work hours. There were rules for when you could go home and for when you had to show up at the beginning of your shift. If you arrived late you could



When we look at worker productivity at the macro level, we tend to limit ourselves to issues like skill shortages, new technologies or appropriate incentives.

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be locked out for the day. For workers being paid piece rates, this certainly got them up and at work on time. You can even see something similar with the assembly line. Those operations dictate a certain pace of work. Like a running partner, an assembly line enforces a certain speed.

As Clark provocatively

puts it: "Workers effectively hired capitalists to make them work harder. They lacked the self-control to achieve higher earnings on their own."

The data entry workers in our study, centuries later, might have agreed with that statement. In fact, 73 percent of them did agree to this statement: "It would be good if there were rules

against being absent because it would help me come to work more often." Of course with newer forms of technology, showing up for work on time need not mean being physically at a given workplace. A study by economists Nicholas Bloom, John Roberts and Zhichun Ying of Stanford and James Liang of Peking University looked at call-center workers in China. In their experiment, some workers were randomly assigned to work at home, others worked in group call centers. The work habits of both groups were carefully monitored electronically, and the workers knew it. The researchers found that those working at home were 13 percent more productive than those in call centers. With modern technology, we now have so many ways to quantify, track and motivate productivity. We do not need to lock factory doors or even have a factory. □

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INFLUENCE GAME: Government takes on the Internet

By ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) --

Should the company that supplies your Internet access be allowed to cut deals with online services such as Netflix, Amazon or YouTube to move their content faster?

The Federal Communications Commission is tackling that question this fall after the public submitted a record 3.7 million comments on the subject - more than double the number filed with the regulatory agency after Janet Jackson's infamous wardrobe malfunction at the 2004 Super Bowl. The FCC's chairman, former industry lobbyist and venture capitalist Tom Wheeler, says financial arrangements between broadband providers and content sites might be OK so long as the agreement is "commercially reasonable" and companies disclose publicly how they prioritize Internet traffic.

'Downton Abbey' star heads on U.S. tour with band

MESFIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Downton Abbey" won't be the only place fans can see Elizabeth McGovern this winter: The show's star is heading on a tour with her folk-rock band in December.

McGovern is the lead singer for Sadie and the Hotheads, which embarks on its first U.S. tour Dec. 4 in Washington. The 10-date tour wraps Dec. 14 in Hartford, Connecticut.

McGovern plays the role of American heiress Cora Crawley, the Countess of Grantham, on the hit "Downton Abbey," which has its fifth season premiere on Jan. 4. The timing of the tour and the show's return

is a coincidence, McGovern said.

"It's a slightly funny experience for fans of the show to come hear the music because it's such a different world to the show itself," McGovern told The Associated Press on Sunday. "When we first started touring there would be a lot of people carrying 'Downton Abbey' books ... and I could see a look of surprise on their faces because it isn't what you expect. I mean it's not a classical quartet of violins."

The PBS series has earned the 53-year-old actress Golden Globe and Emmy nominations.

Sadie and the Hotheads have performed in Europe. The seven-member group



In a Sunday Aug. 18, 2013 file photo, actress Elizabeth McGovern hands out flyers on Edinburgh's Royal Mile, to promote her band Sadie and the Hotheads, who are performing during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Associated Press

released their debut album in 2007 and dropped their third album, "Still Waiting," earlier this year.

"It's an electric mix of songs in terms of musical genre," she said.

McGovern received an Academy Award nomination for best supporting actress for her role in the 1981 movie "Ragtime." She has appeared onstage in New York and London.

"I think it's coming at the right time since we slowly built experience with each other," she said of performing in America. "I feel like we're more ready than we've ever been ... I go there with more confidence than I would have in the past."

Their 2012 album, "How Not to Lose Things," featured guest vocals from Michelle Dockery, who plays Mc-

Govern's eldest daughter, Lady Mary Crawley, on "Downton Abbey."

"There's a lot of her spirit in that album," McGovern said. McGovern said fans can expect "rich" and "textured" moments from the upcoming season of "Downton."

Sadie and the Hotheads' tour will visit New York City; Newark, New Jersey; and Annapolis, Maryland. □

Aretha Franklin CD of diva classics due October 21

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Aretha Franklin is showing some R-E-S-P-E-C-T to her fellow divas: The Queen of Soul will release an album Oct. 21 covering classic songs from other female singers.

"Aretha Franklin Sings the Great Diva Classics" will include songs such as Gladys Knight's "Midnight Train to Georgia," Barbra Streisand's "People" and Whitney Houston's "I'm Every Woman."

The most contemporary track is a reworking of Adele's colossal hit "Rolling In the Deep," which is the first single off the album. It will be available digitally Monday, when the 72-year-old will also perform the song on "Late Night with David Letterman." "Great Diva Classics" reunites Franklin with longtime collaborator Clive Davis.

"I mean, it is great," he said in an interview. "For her to do all these songs, it's very exciting."

Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds and Andre 3000 are



This image provided by RCA Records shows the cover for Aretha Franklin's new CD of diva classics due to be released Oct. 21, 2014.

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among the album's producers. Other songs covered by Franklin include the Supremes' "You Keep Me Hangin' On," Alicia Keys' "No One" and Dinah Washington's "Teach Me Tonight." The icon's version of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive" will incorporate some of Destiny Child's "Survivor."

The opening track is Etta James' signature song, "At Last," and Franklin closes the 10-track set with Sinead O'Connor's "Nothing Compares 2 U." □

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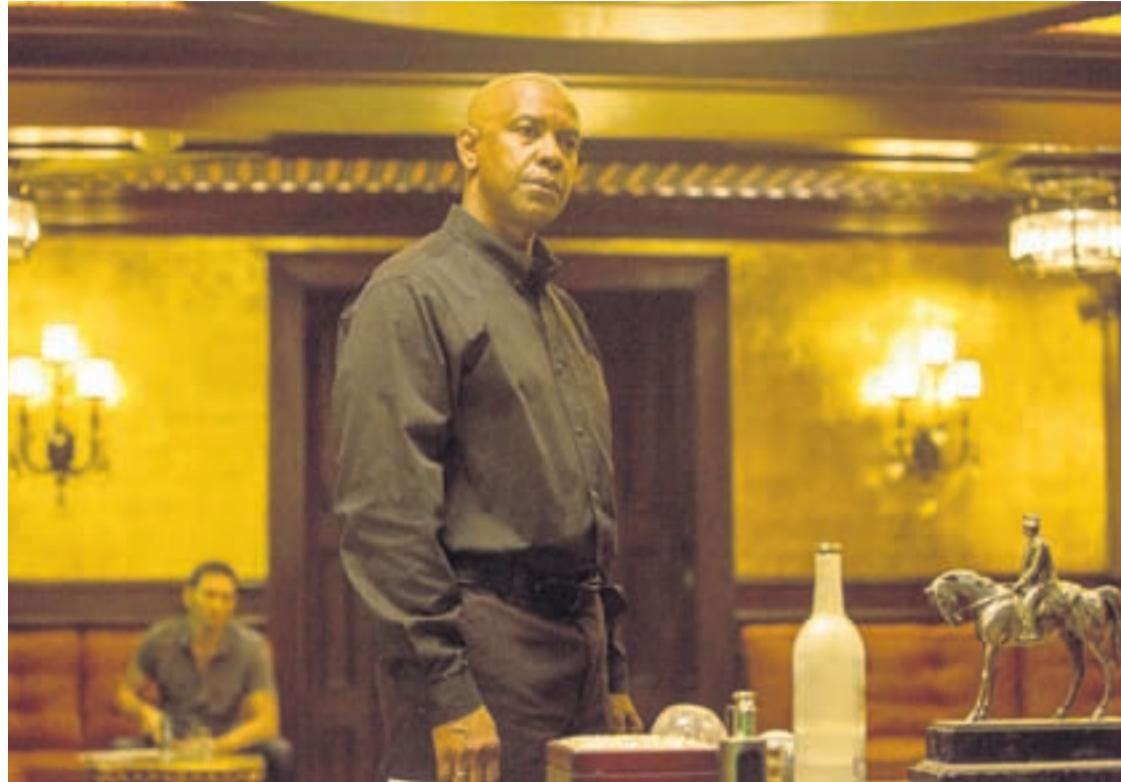
Washington's 'The Equalizer' debuts with \$35M

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NEW YORK (AP) — Flexing his star power, Denzel Washington led the thriller "The Equalizer" to a \$35 million debut, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Sony-Columbia Pictures release dominated the weekend box office, surpassing some expectations for the film. Washington plays a former commando living a quiet life in Boston when the disappearance of a prostitute acquaintance (Chloe Grace Moretz) lures him into a battle with the Russian mafia.

The strong opening marks the third-best debut in Washington's career, trailing only 2012's "Safe House" (\$40.1 million) and 2007's "American Gang-



In this image released by Columbia Pictures, Denzel Washington appears in a scene from the film, "The Equalizer."

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ster" (\$43.6 million). Washington, who will turn 60 in December, has been one of Hollywood's most reliable draws without the benefit of anything like a superhero franchise.

"He's the very model of box-office consistency," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "I can't think of another star that's this consistent, that remains this rock solid over the course of three decades."

"The Equalizer" reteams Washington with direc-

tor Antoine Fuqua," who helmed 2001's "Training Day." That film memorably earned Washington an Oscar for best actor. A sequel to "The Equalizer," which is loosely based on the '80s CBS television series, is already in development.

"We feel like we have a real opportunity with a sequel and a possible franchise with this film," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony.

Last weekend's top performer, the young-adult novel adaptation "The Maze Runner," starring Dylan O'Brien, slid to second with \$17.5 million in its second week. The 20th Century Fox release also has a sequel in the works, due out next September.

The stop-motion animated release "The Boxtrolls" opened in third place with \$17.3 million. It's the best opening yet for Laika, the Oregon-based animation studio whose previous films are the Oscar-nominated "Coraline" and "ParaNorman."

Critics have been less enthusiastic about "The Boxtrolls," about a boy who's raised by nocturnal, box-wearing critters beneath the British village of Cheesebridge. But the Focus Features release capitalized on the relative dearth of family-friendly options in theaters over recent months.

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Jane Fonda gets personal at Rape Foundation brunch

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BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Jane Fonda told an audience of activists and philanthropists that her mother had been sexually abused and eventually committed suicide.

Fonda made the personal revelation at an event celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Rape Treatment Center, which provides comprehensive free treatment for sexual assault victims. She hosted the Rape Foundation's annual fundraising brunch Sunday at billionaire Ron Burkle's Greenacres estate in Beverly Hills.

Fonda said she discovered while writing her memoirs that her mother had been sexually abused as a girl. Fonda said that learning this helped her understand some of her mother's behavior before her ultimate suicide when Fonda was 12.

David Schwimmer and Eric McCormack also appeared at the event, where guests included Viola Davis, Emmy Rossum and Lily Tomlin.

The Ebola Fiasco



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The Ebola epidemic in West Africa is a tragedy. But, more than that, the response to it has been a gross failure.

It's a classic case where early action could have saved lives and money. Yet the world dithered, and with Ebola cases in Liberia now doubling every two to three weeks, the latest worst-case estimate from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is that there could be 1.4 million cases in Liberia and Sierra Leone by late January.

We would never tolerate such shortsightedness in private behavior. If a roof leaks, we fix it before a home is ruined. If we buy a car, we add oil to keep the engine going. Yet in public policy - from education to global health - we routinely refuse to invest at the front end and have to pay far more at the back end.

We know how to confront the Ebola virus. In Uganda, an excellent U.S.-backed prevention initiative trained local health workers to recognize the virus and stop it from spreading, so, in 2011, an Ebola outbreak there stopped after just a single case.

We also know from our catastrophic mishandling of AIDS a generation ago - or the mishandling of cholera in Haiti more recently - that it's imperative to stop infectious diseases early. Yet the reaction to the Ebola outbreak after it began in December in Guinea was a global shrug: It was mishandled by local countries and by the rest of the world, so, instead of a tiny cost in money and lives, we will now all pay hugely.

If the worst-case scenario comes to pass in West Africa, it may become endemic in the region and reach the West. Ebola is quite lethal but not particularly contagious, so it presumably wouldn't cause an epidemic in countries with modern health systems. This entire tragedy is a failure of humanity.

As donor countries scramble to respond (which may cost \$1 billion in the next six months, according to the United Nations, although nobody really knows), the risk is that they will raid pots of money intended for other vital purposes to assist the world's

needy. Jamie Drummond of the One campaign says he worries that governments may try to finance Ebola countermeasures with money that otherwise would buy childhood vaccines or ease emerging famines in Somalia and South Sudan.

Vaccines are a bargain. Since 1990, vaccines and other simple interventions (such as treatments for diarrhea) have saved nearly 100 million children's lives, according to UNICEF. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is now in the middle of trying to raise an additional \$7.5 billion to subsidize vaccinations of 300 million additional children around the world. On top of the \$2 billion it has, Gavi says this would save 5 million to 6 million lives and produce economic benefits of \$80 billion to \$100 billion.

Such an investment should be a no-brainer. In the 21st century, we have the resources to fight more than one fire at a time.

"I am worried," said Seth Berkley, the chief executive of Gavi. "You wouldn't want to reduce immunizing children around the world to deal with an emergency even as severe as Ebola."

We invest vast sums to address national security risks that have a military dimension, hence President Barack Obama's decision to renovate the U.S. nuclear arsenal at a cost that could reach \$1 trillion over three decades. So let's remember that infectious diseases can also constitute a national security threat.

Our shortsightedness afflicts so many areas of public policy. We spend billions of dollars fighting extremists today but don't invest tiny sums educating children or empowering women, even though that's the strategy with a solid record of success at reducing extremism in the medium term - and even though we can finance at least 20 schools for the cost of deploying one soldier abroad for one year.

At home, we don't invest adequately in family-planning programs even though pregnancy prevention initiatives for at-risk teenagers pay for themselves many times over.

We don't invest in early education programs that have a robust record in reducing later criminal behavior, preferring instead to pay for prisons.

Indeed, this is such a market failure that new financial instruments - social impact bonds - address it. The bonds pay for job training or early education programs and then earn a financial return for investors when the government saves money.

Yet the worst consequence of our myopia isn't financial waste. It's that people are dying unnecessarily of Ebola. It's that some children in the United States grow up semiliterate. And it's the risk that the cost of leaders' mismanagement of Ebola will be borne by children going without vaccines. □



Florida Goes Down the Drain



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On Miami Beach, rising sea levels have interesting consequences. The ocean periodically starts bubbling up through local drainpipes. By the time it's over, the concept of "going down to the water" has extended to stepping off the front porch.

It's becoming a seasonal event, like swallows at Capistrano or the return of the buzzards to Hinckley, Ohio.

"At the spring and fall high tides, we get flooding of coastal areas," said Leonard Berry, the director of the Florida Center for Environmental Studies. "You've got saltwater coming up through the drains, into the garages and sidewalks and so on, damaging the Ferraris and the Lexuses."

Ah, climate change. A vast majority of scientific studies that take a stand on global warming have concluded that it's caused by human behavior. The results are awful. The penguins are dwindling. The polar bears are running out of ice floes. The cornfields are drying. The southwest is frying.

There is very little on the plus side. Except maybe for Detroit. As Jennifer Kingson reported in The New York Times this week, one scientific school of thought holds that while temperatures rise and weather becomes extreme in other parts of the country, Detroit's location will turn it into a veritable garden spot.

Miami is probably not used to being compared unfavorably to

Detroit. But there you are.

"We're going to wander around shin-deep in the ocean - on the streets of Miami," said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, who is planning to go on a climate-change tour this month with Florida's senior senator, Bill Nelson. (The junior senator, Marco Rubio, who's no fan of "these scientists," will presumably not be joining the party.)

Once a week, when the Senate is in session, Whitehouse gets up and makes a speech about rising sea levels or disappearing lakes or dwindling glaciers. He's kind of the congressional climate-change guy. He's also looking for bipartisan love and feeling lonely. "I've got exactly no Republican colleagues helping me out with this," he said.

There was a time, children, when the parties worked together on climate-change issues. No more.

Only 3 percent of current Republican members of Congress have been willing to go on record as accepting the fact that people are causing global warming. That, at least, was the calculation by PolitiFact, which found a grand total of eight Republican nondeniers in the House and Senate. That includes Rep. Michael Grimm of New York, who while laudably open-minded on this subject is also under indictment for perjury and tax fraud. So we may be pushing 2 percent in January.

This is sort of stunning. We're only looking for a simple acknowledgment of basic facts. We'll give a pass to folks who say they accept the connection between human behavior and climate change, but don't want to do anything about it.

Or that China should do something first.

Or: "Who cares? I'm from Detroit!"

In Congress, Republican environmentalists appear to be terrified of what should be the most basic environmental issue possible. Whitehouse blames the Supreme Court's decisions on campaign finance, which gave the energy

barons carte blanche when it comes to spending on election campaigns. It's certainly true that there's no way to tick off megadonors like the fabled Koch brothers faster than to suggest the globe is warming.

"At the moment, there's a dogma in the Republican Party about what you can say," Tom Steyer told me.

He's the billionaire who formed a "super PAC" to support candidates who acknowledge that climate change exists, that it's caused by human behavior and that we need to do something major about it.

Steyer has committed to spending about \$100 million this year on ads and organizing in seven states. Many in the campaign-finance-reform community think that this is a terrible idea, and that you do not combat the power of right-wing oligarchs to influence U.S. elections by doing the same thing on the left. They have a point. But think of the penguins.

Florida's Republican governor, Rick Scott, who's running for re-election, has been asked many times whether he believes in man-made climate change. Lately, he responds: "I'm not a scientist." Scott is also not a doctor, engineer, computer programmer, personal trainer or a bus driver. Really, it's amazing he even has the confidence to walk into the office in the morning.

The governor did visit last month with some climate scientists. He began the meeting by making it clear that he did not intend to go anywhere near the word causes. After the group had pulled out their maps and projections - including the one that shows much of Miami-Dade County underwater by 2048 - Scott asked them questions. Which were, according to The Miami Herald, "to explain their backgrounds, describe the courses they taught, and where students in their academic fields get jobs."

If they're lucky, the students will wind up someplace where there's no seawater in the garage. □

Poll: Confused by issues of the day? Join the club!

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans say the issues facing the country are getting harder to fathom.

It's not just people who've tuned out politics who feel perplexed. Those paying attention — people who vote regularly, follow news about November's midterm election, or simply feel a civic duty to stay informed — are most likely to say that issues have become "much more complicated" over the last decade, an Associated Press-GfK poll shows.

Why are things such a muddle?

Karla Lynn of Lavaca, Arkansas, blames politicians who would rather snipe at each other than honestly explain the nation's problems in straightforward terms.

"They'll spin everything," said Lynn, 61, a retired product developer. "You've got to wade through so

much muck to try to find the truth." It's a big swamp to wade through.



Glynn McGehee, an aide of Republican Rep. Tom Price of Georgia holds up a poster that mocks the organizational complexity of the health care law being argued in the Supreme Court in Washington. Most Americans say the issues facing the country are getting harder to fathom an Associated Press-GfK poll shows. And it's not just people who've tuned out politics who feel that way.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

David Stewart blames the deluge from social media, partisan blogs and 24-hour

the Islamic State, he said, but now they watch the militants' videos of behead-

ings online.

"People get a little overwhelmed by all the information about what's going on in the world," said Stewart, 40, a salesman at a home improvement store in Georgetown, Kentucky. The father of three said it takes time from an already busy life to go online and sort out "what's fluff, what's been engineered, and what's actually true and believable."

The issue that stumps Stewart most? President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. It can sound like a tragedy or a godsend, depending on whether Republicans or Democrats are talking about it.

Nearly three-fourths of Americans find it difficult, according to the AP-GfK poll, and about 4 in 10 say it's "very hard" to understand.

One obvious reason: The law really is complex. Politicians even say so.

Republicans were condemning "Obamacare" as a regulatory morass even before it passed. When the federal website enrolling people crashed last year, Obama himself pointed to the enormous size of the undertaking. "It's complicated," he said. "It's hard." Politicians do try to make issues sound simpler. They like to invoke your own family budget when talking about the national debt.

But in the AP-GfK poll, confidence in dealing with household problems didn't offer much help in understanding national matters. For example, most under age 30 said it's easy to protect your privacy and financial information online. But most young adults think it's hard to understand the National Security Agency's data collection programs. Americans over age 50 find both personal computer security and the NSA issue difficult.

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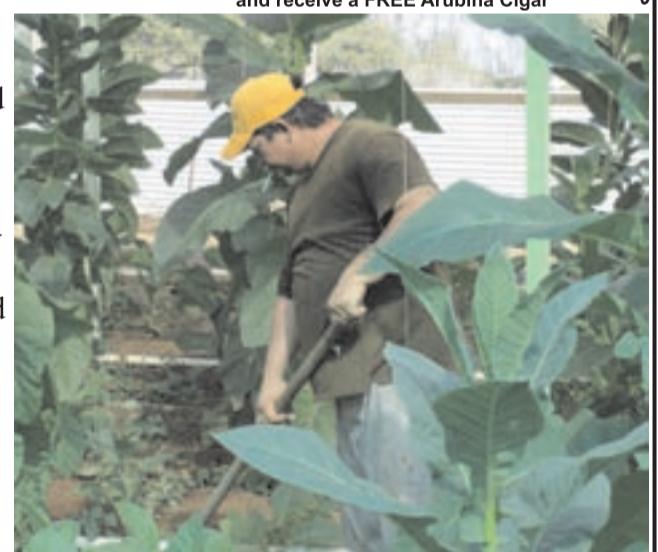


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